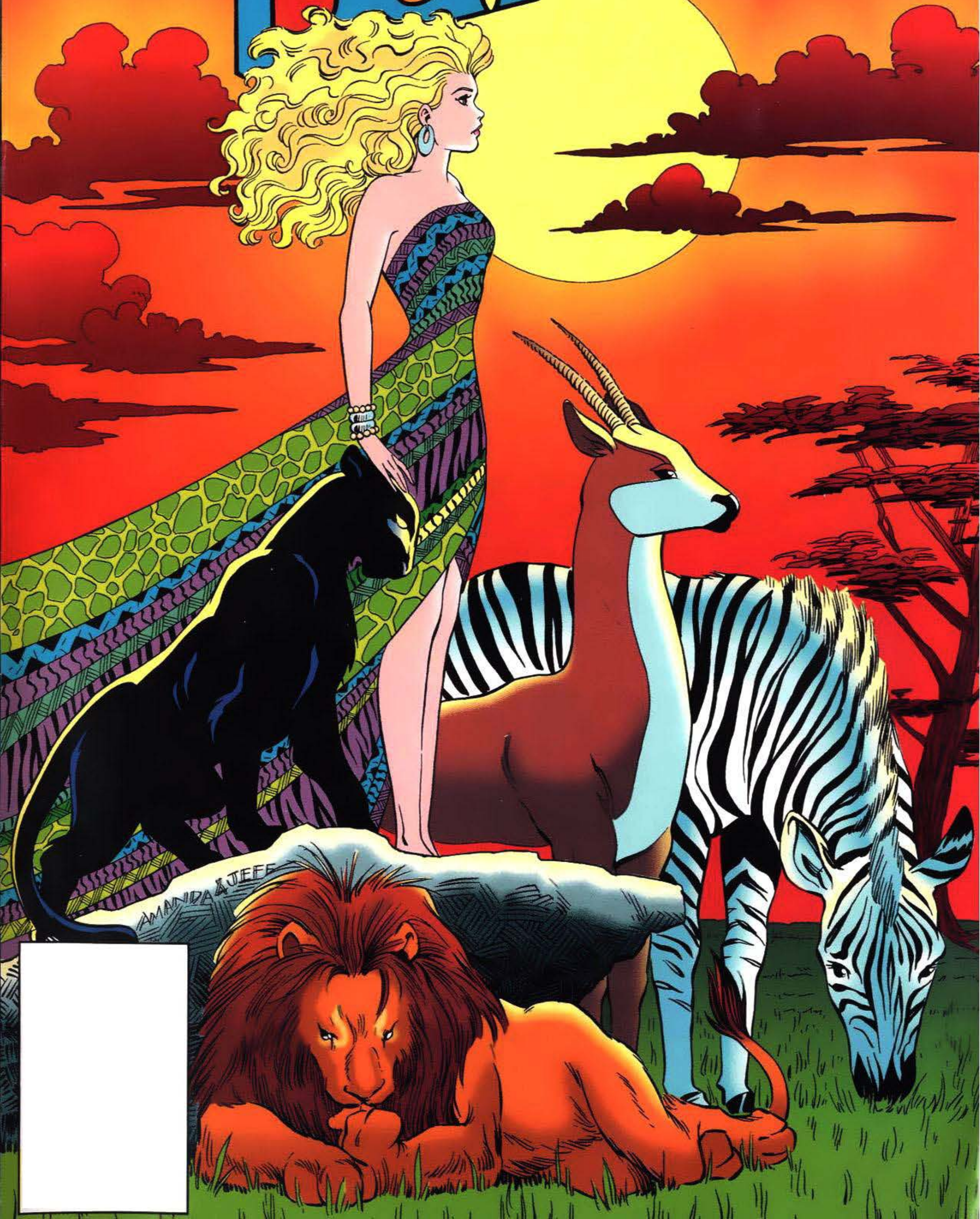


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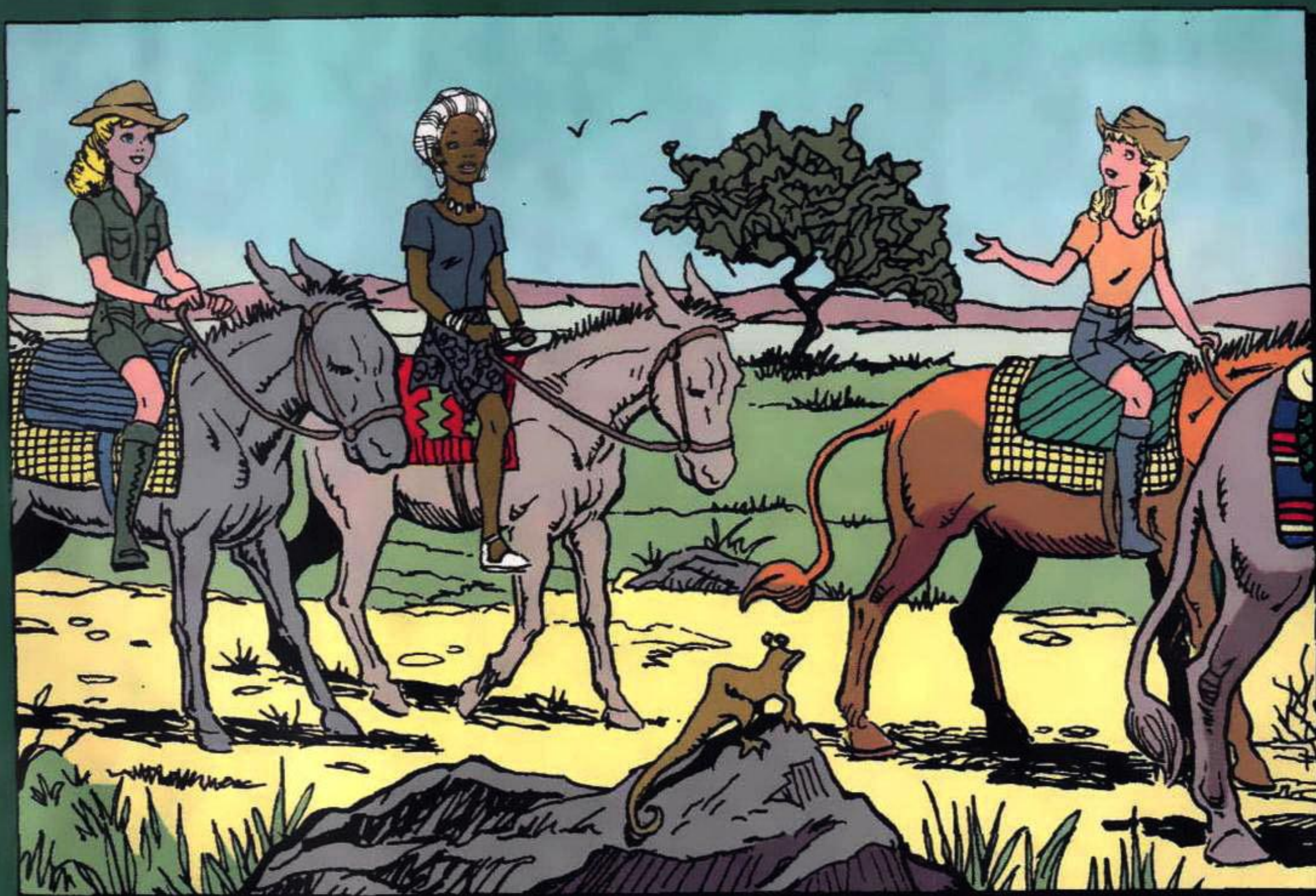


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I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO AFRICA, BARBIE! THIS WILL BE THE BEST SUMMER VACATION EVER!

I'M SO GLAD YOU WERE ABLE TO COME WITH ME, SKIPPER!



I'M GOING TO WRITE ABOUT EVERYTHING I SEE AND DO FOR MY BACK-TO-SCHOOL ESSAY.*

*AN ESSAY IS A WRITTEN REPORT... Hildy

ATTENTION, PLEASE! THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN...WE'LL BE LANDING IN NIAMEY* IN JUST A FEW MINUTES!

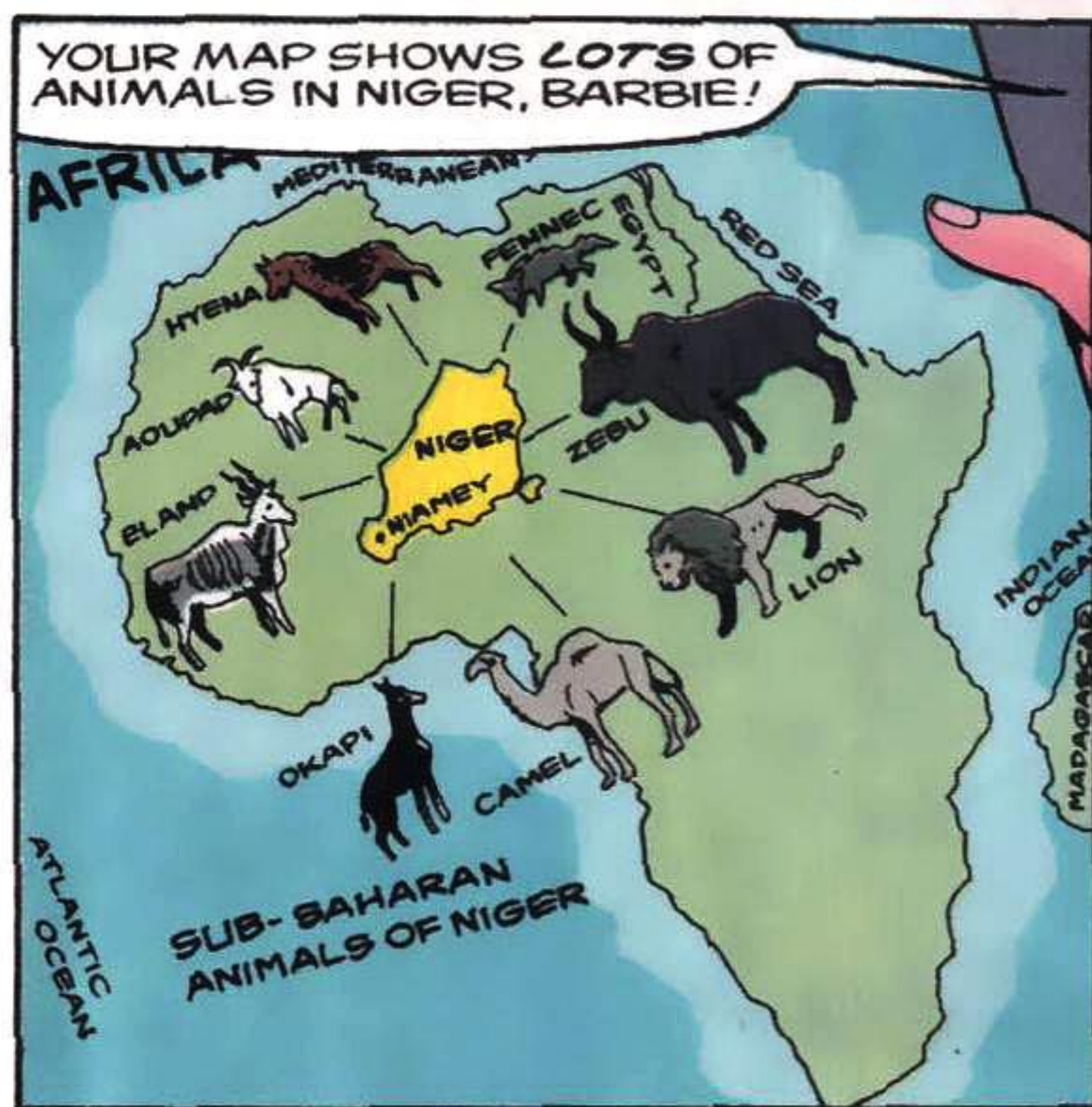


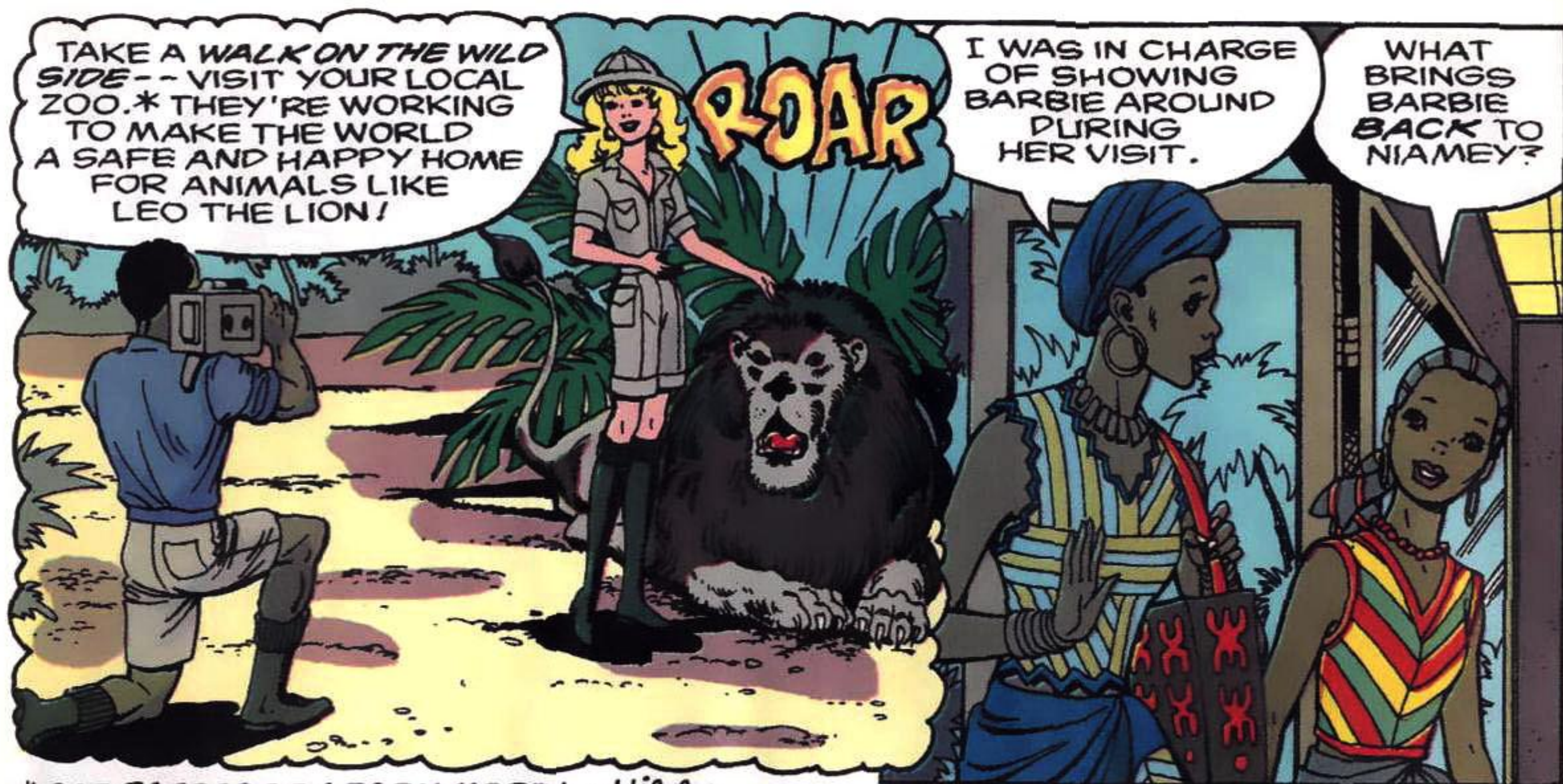
LOOK, BARBIE. WE'RE SO CLOSE, WE CAN SEE EVERYTHING!

BUT SOMETHING IS MISSING...!?

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*NIAMEY IS THE CAPITAL OF NIGER. PRONOUNCED NAY-JEAR (ACCENT ON "JEAR")... Hildy



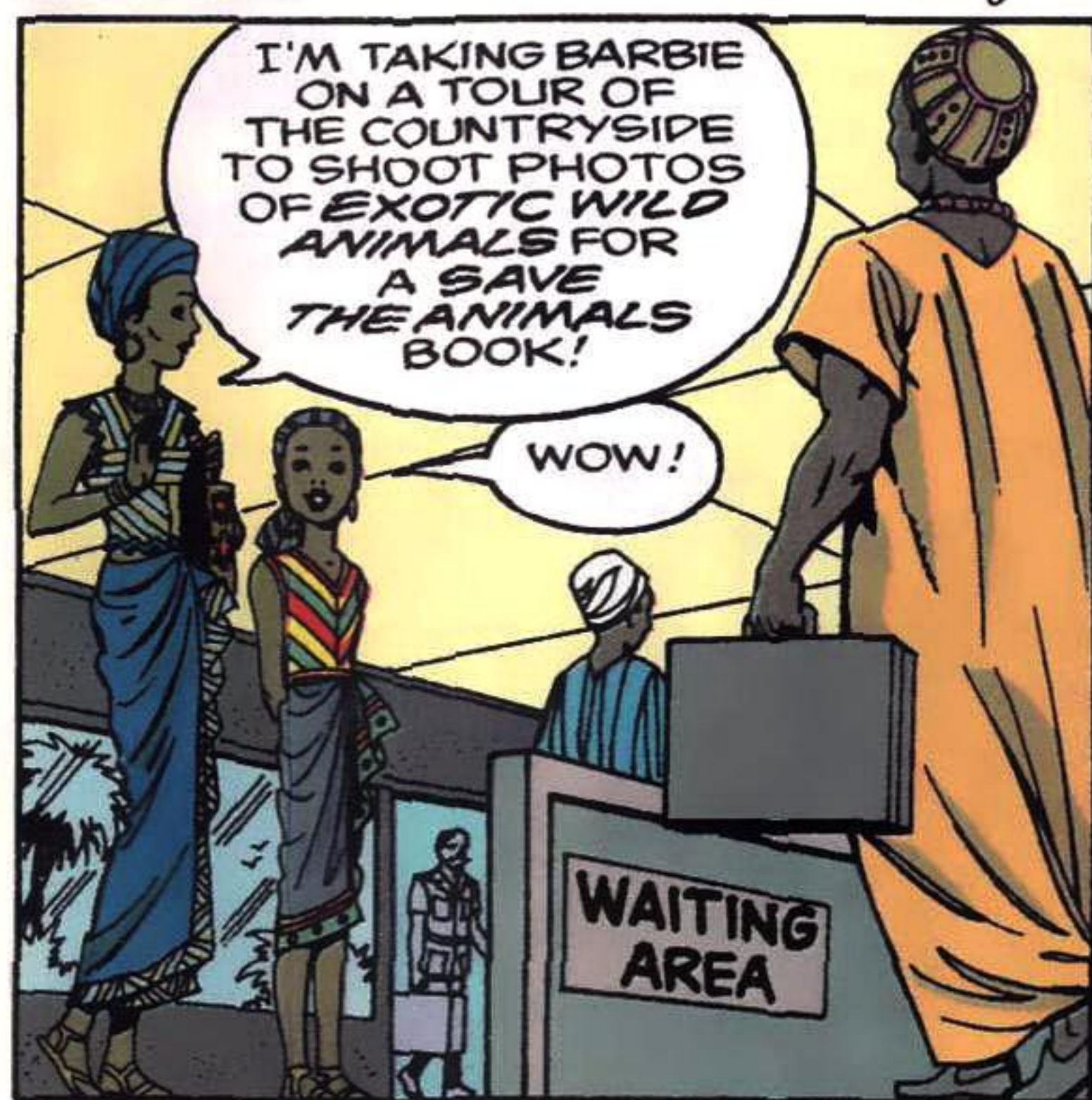


TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE-- VISIT YOUR LOCAL ZOO.* THEY'RE WORKING TO MAKE THE WORLD A SAFE AND HAPPY HOME FOR ANIMALS LIKE LEO THE LION!

I WAS IN CHARGE OF SHOWING BARBIE AROUND DURING HER VISIT.

WHAT BRINGS BARBIE BACK TO NIAMEY?

* SEE PAGE 29 TO LEARN MORE!-- Hildy



I'M TAKING BARBIE ON A TOUR OF THE COUNTRYSIDE TO SHOOT PHOTOS OF EXOTIC WILD ANIMALS FOR A SAVE THE ANIMALS BOOK!

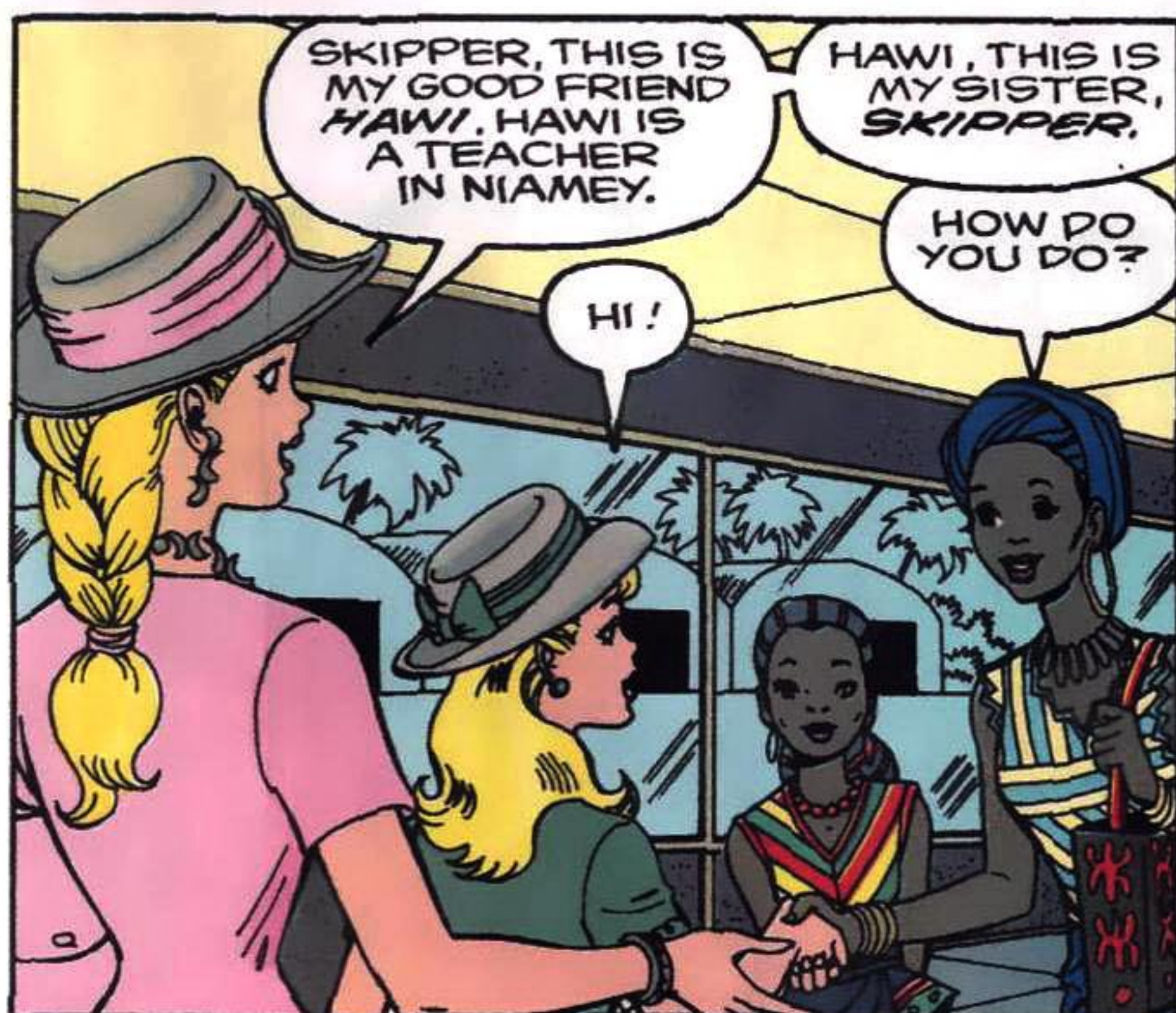
WOW!

WAITING AREA



THERE'S BARBIE NOW!

HAWI!!! IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!



SKIPPER, THIS IS MY GOOD FRIEND HAWI. HAWI IS A TEACHER IN NIAMEY.

HAWI, THIS IS MY SISTER, SKIPPER.

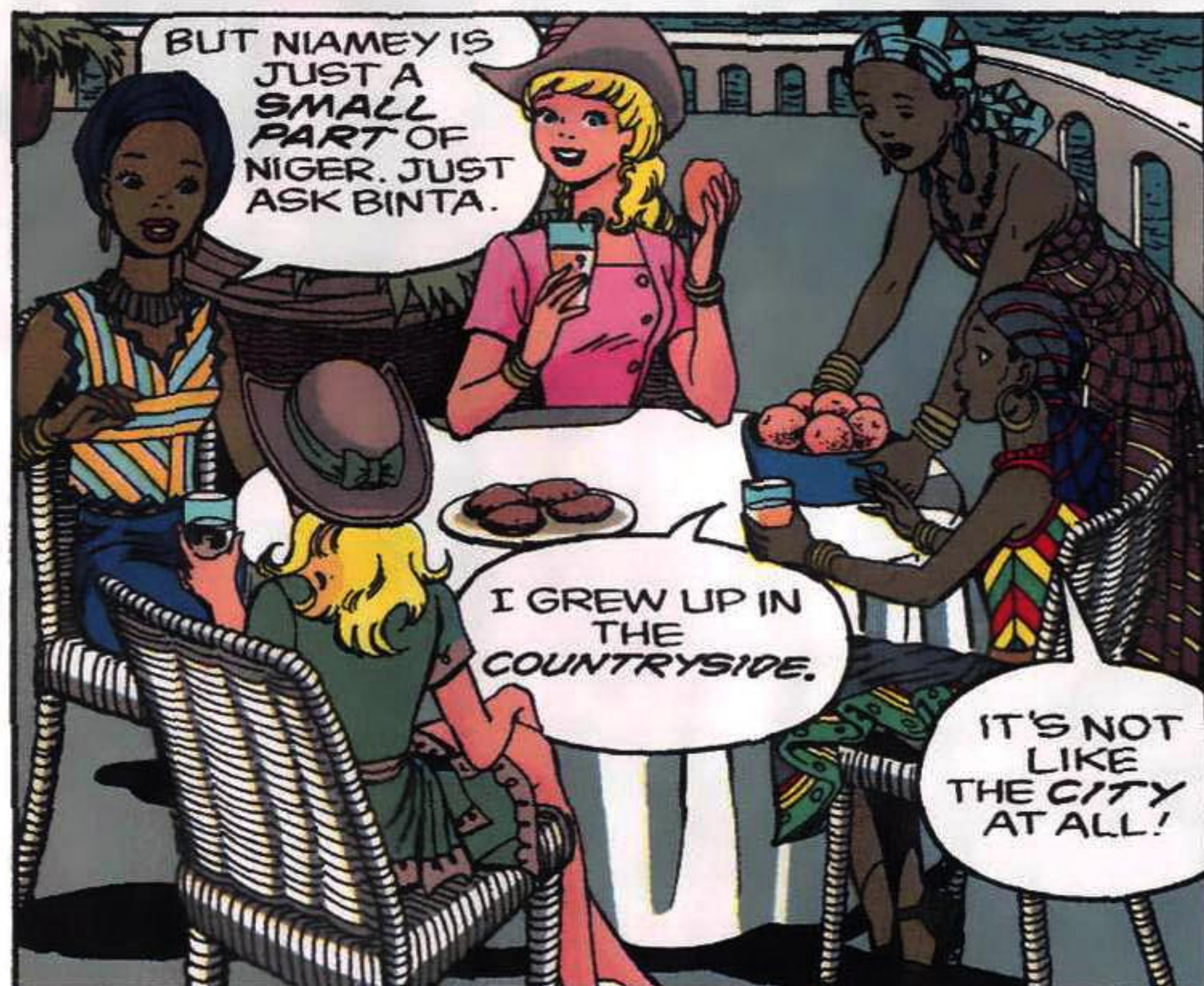
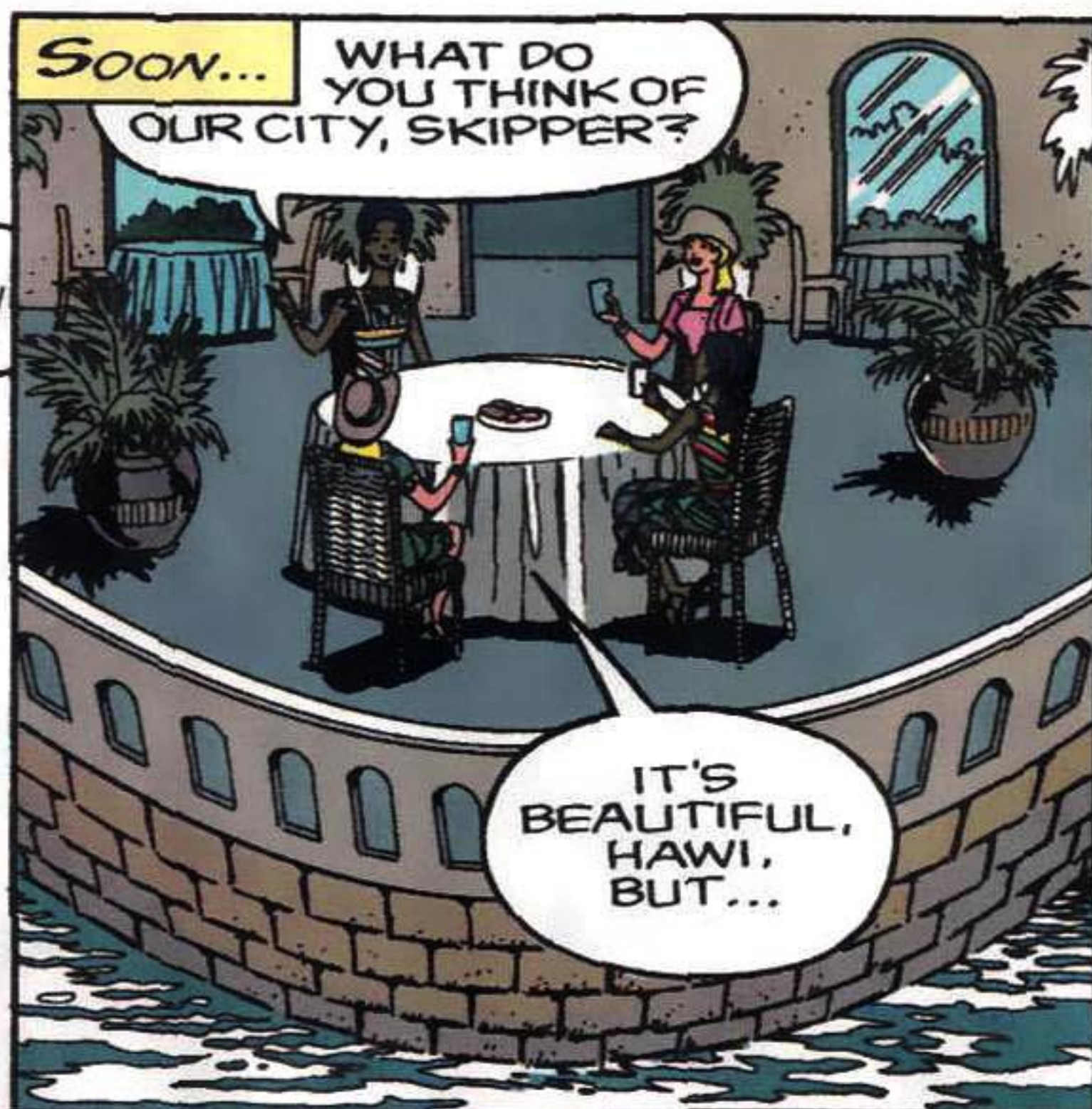
HOW DO YOU DO?

HI!



DON'T BE SHY, BINTA. BARBIE AND SKIPPER-- I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET BINTA, A STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL WHO IS BOARDING WITH ME THIS SUMMER.

NICE TO MEET YOU.



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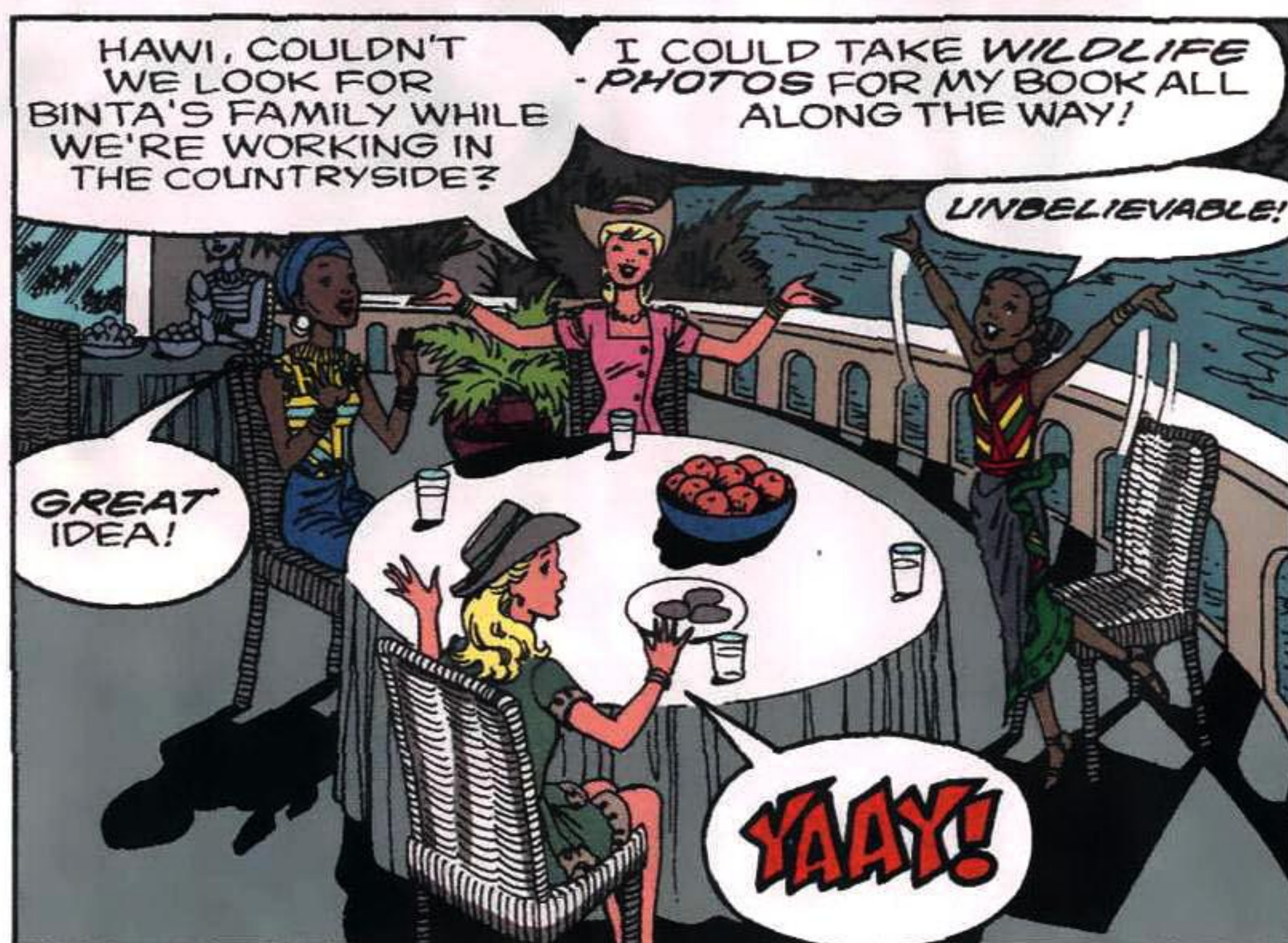
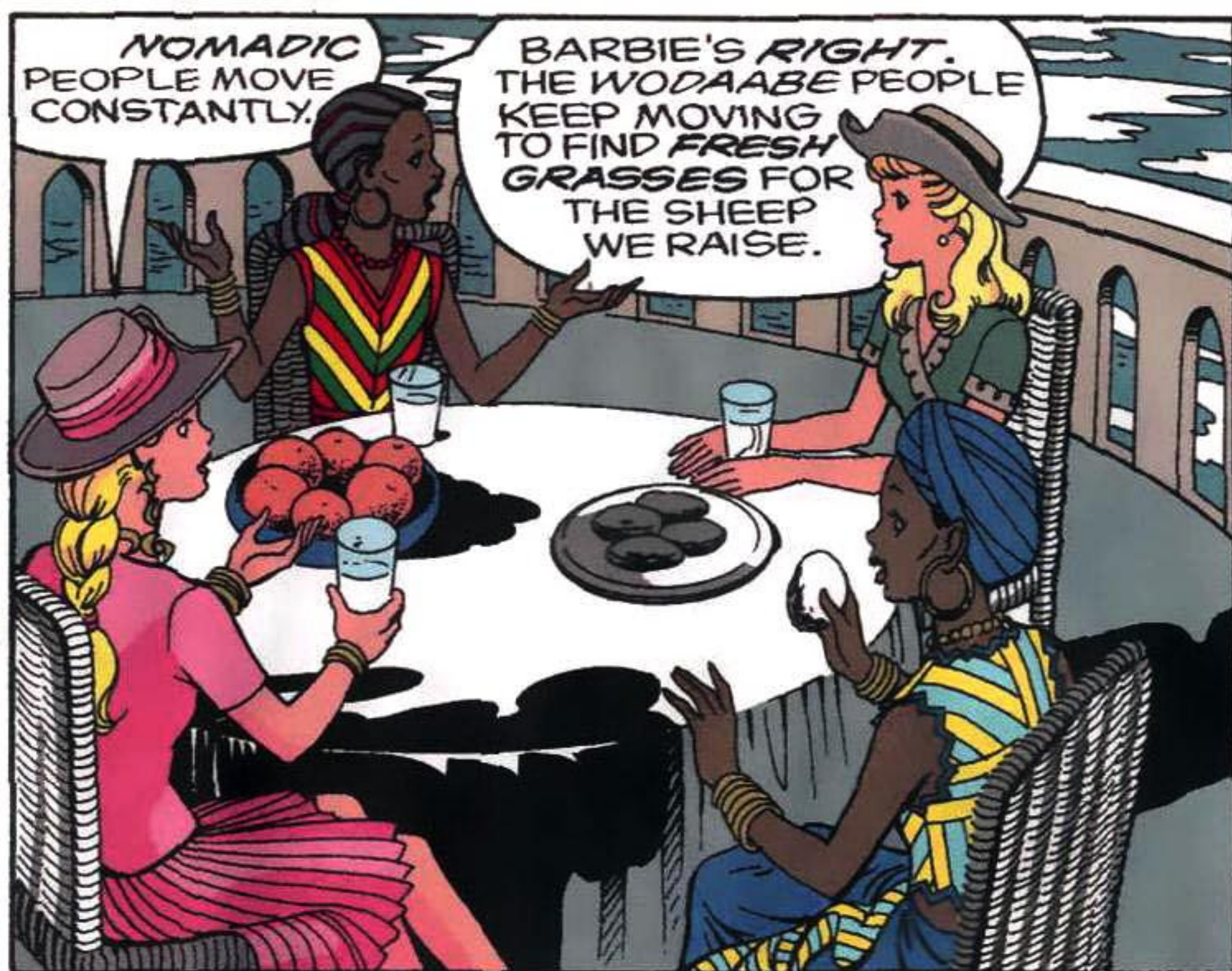
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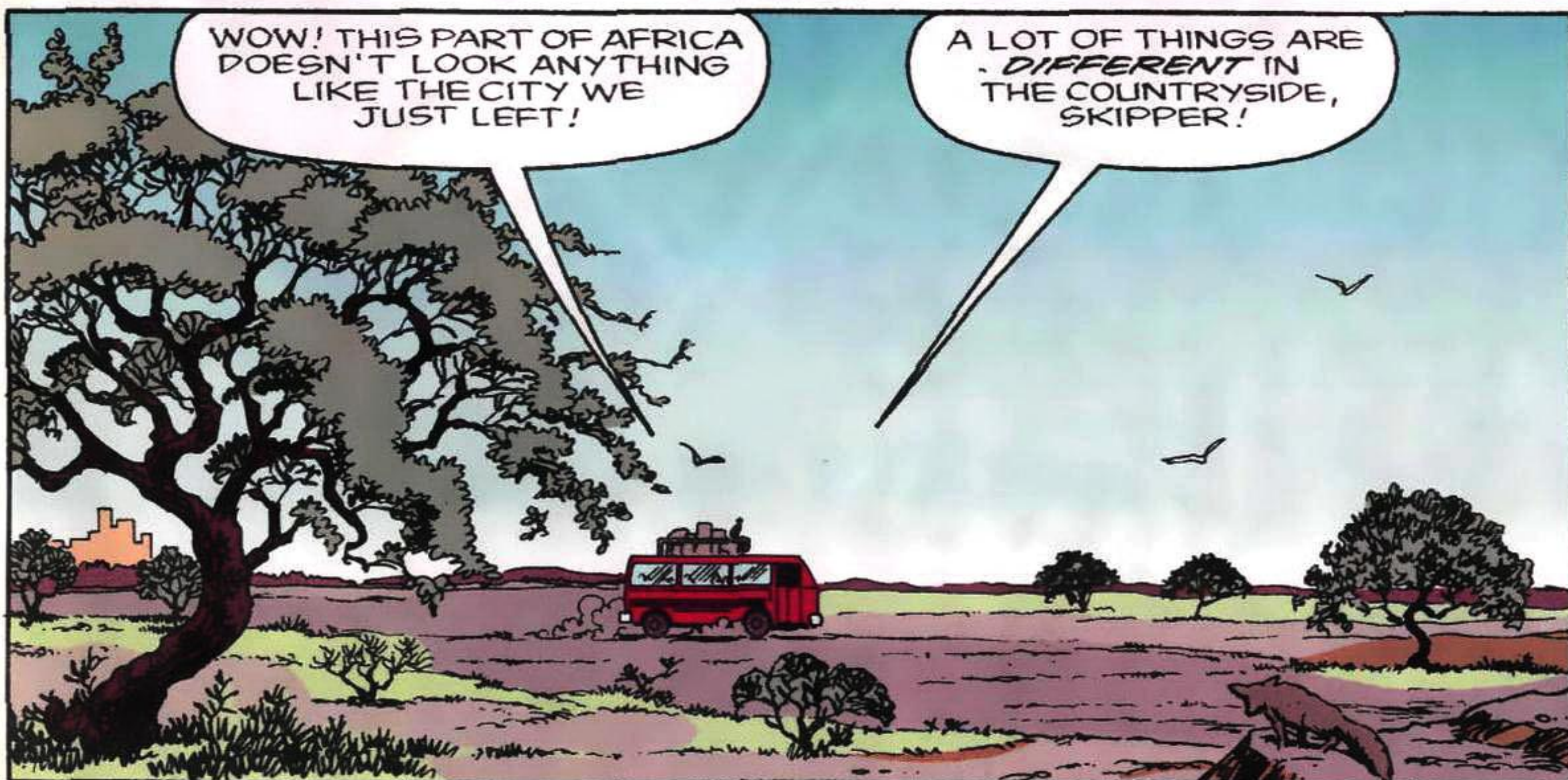
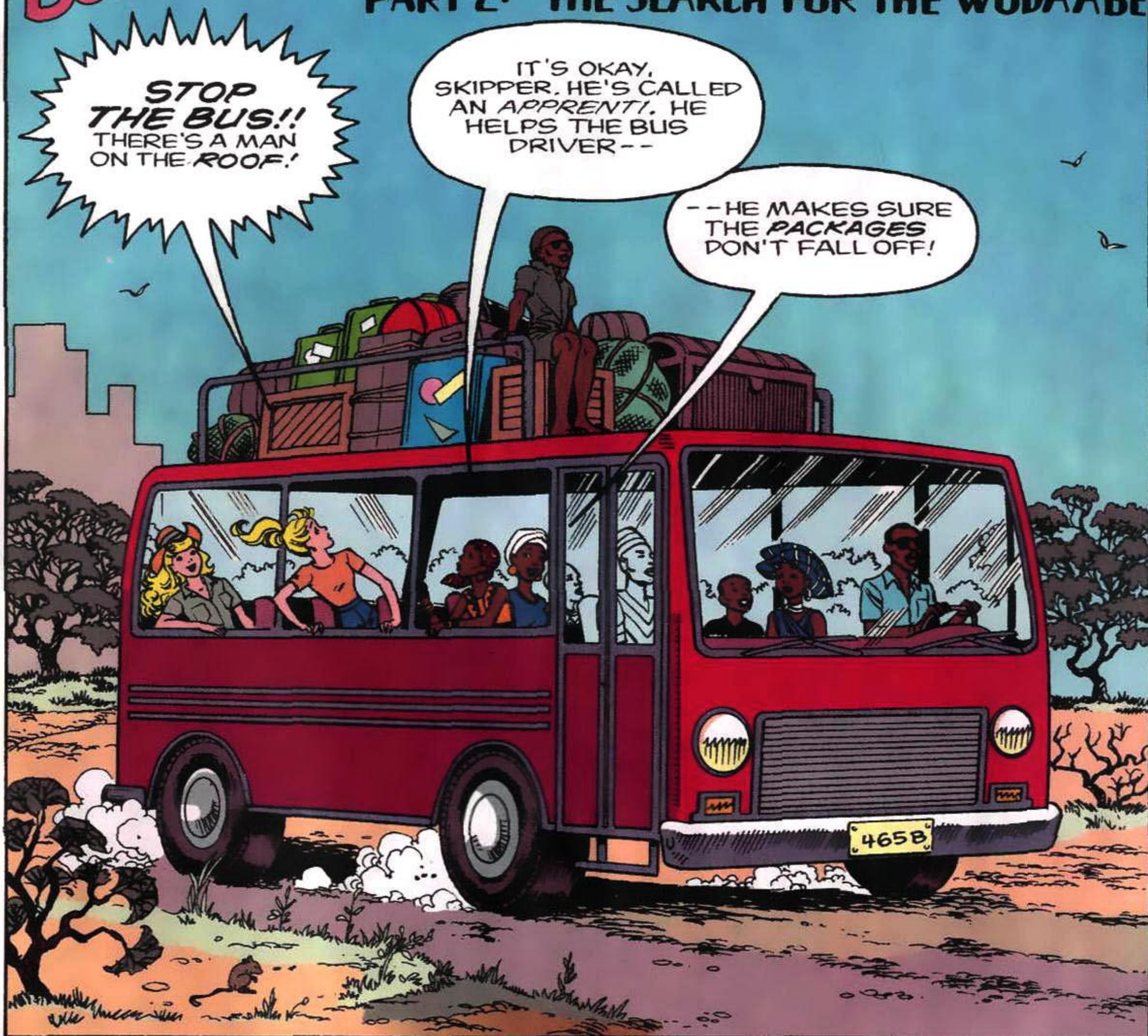
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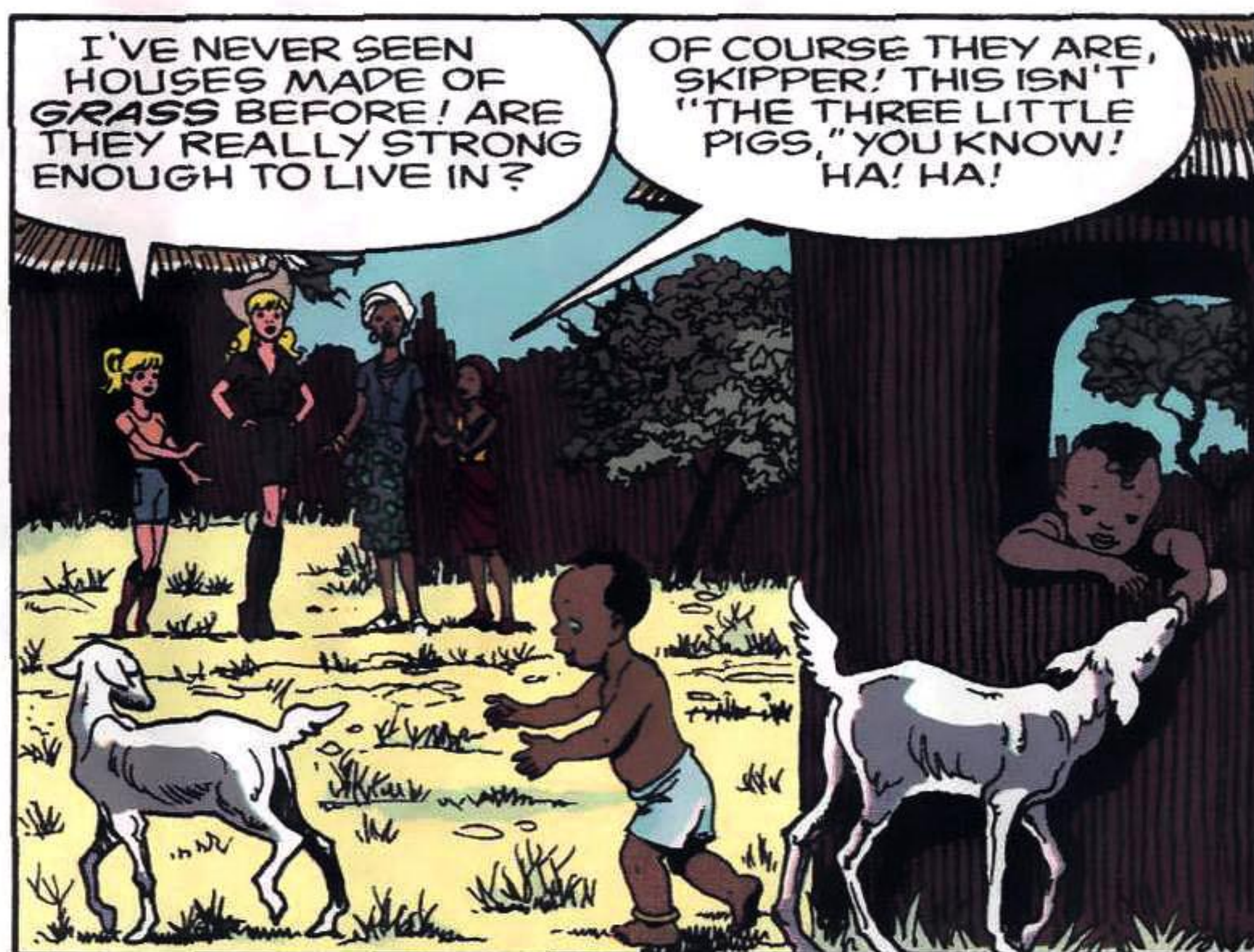
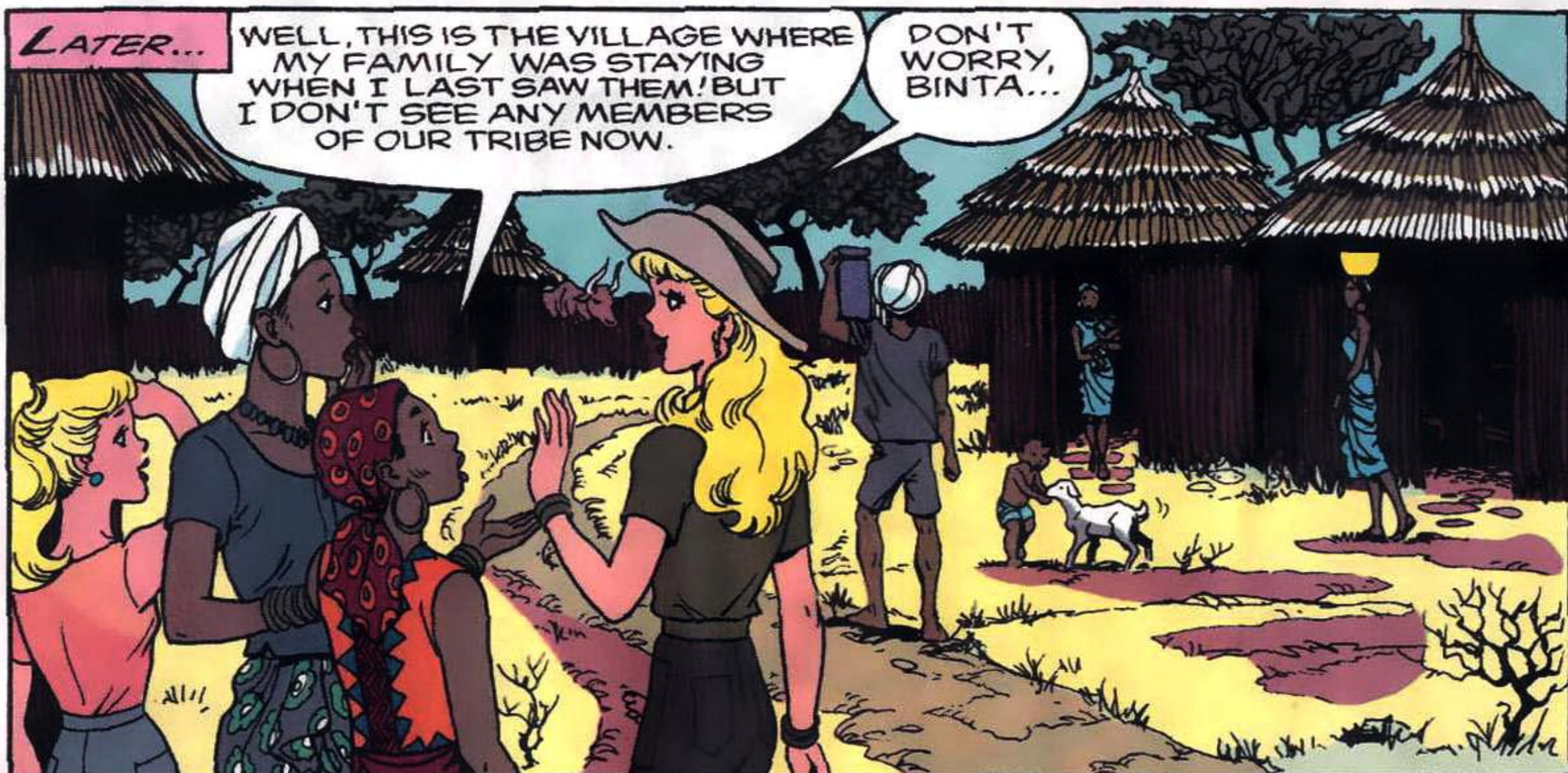
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THE VILLAGERS GET THEIR WATER FROM A WELL OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE, SKIPPER.

WATER IS **SCARCE** AND HAS TO BE USED MOSTLY FOR CROPS AND ANIMALS!



THE WATER IS CARRIED BACK TO THE VILLAGE IN A **CANARIS**, LIKE THE ONE THAT WOMAN HAS!



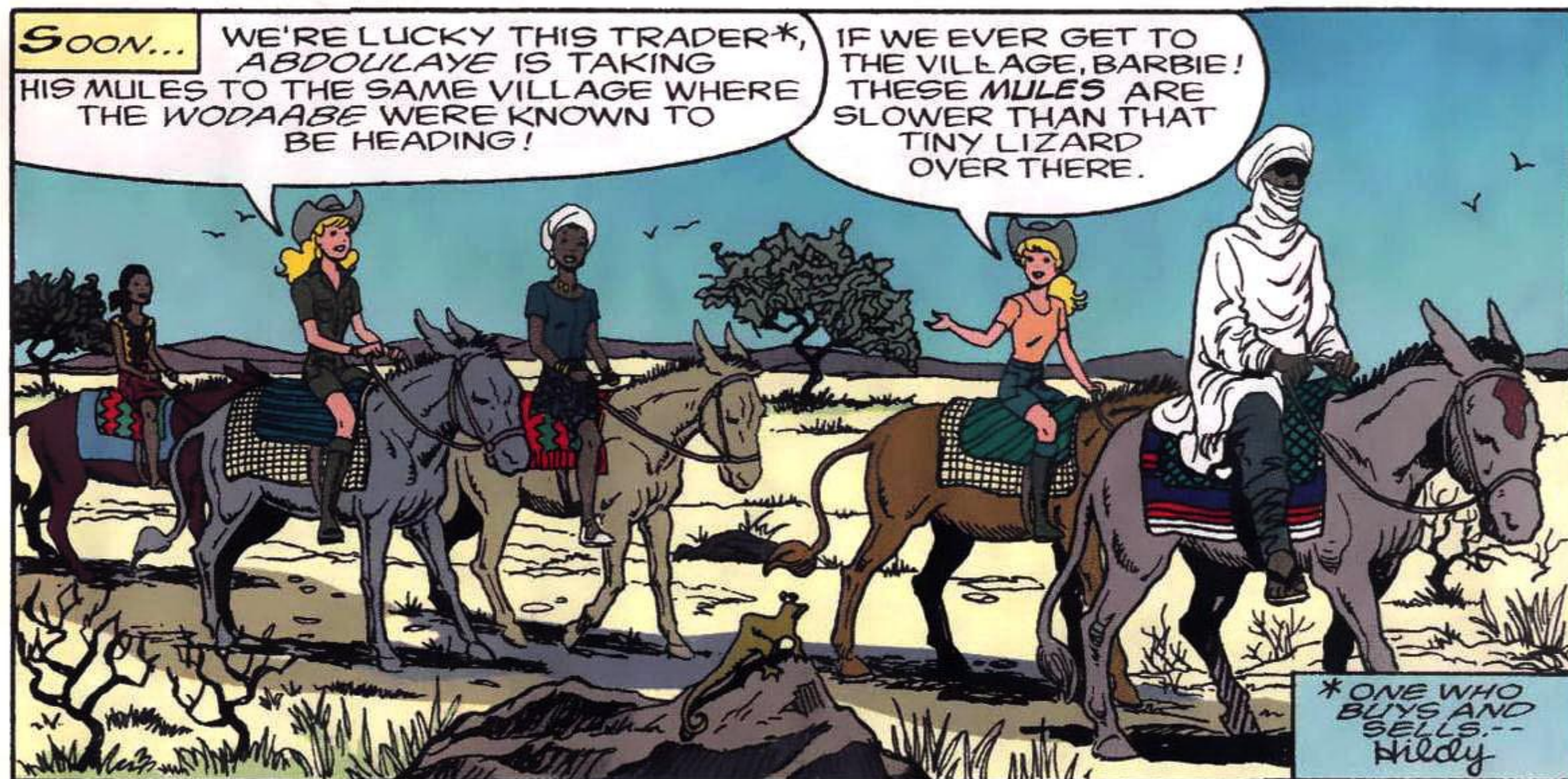
THANK YOU!

I THOUGHT EVERYONE GOT WATER FROM A **FAUCET**!



I SEE I HAVE A LOT TO LEARN.

THEN LET'S GET STARTED!

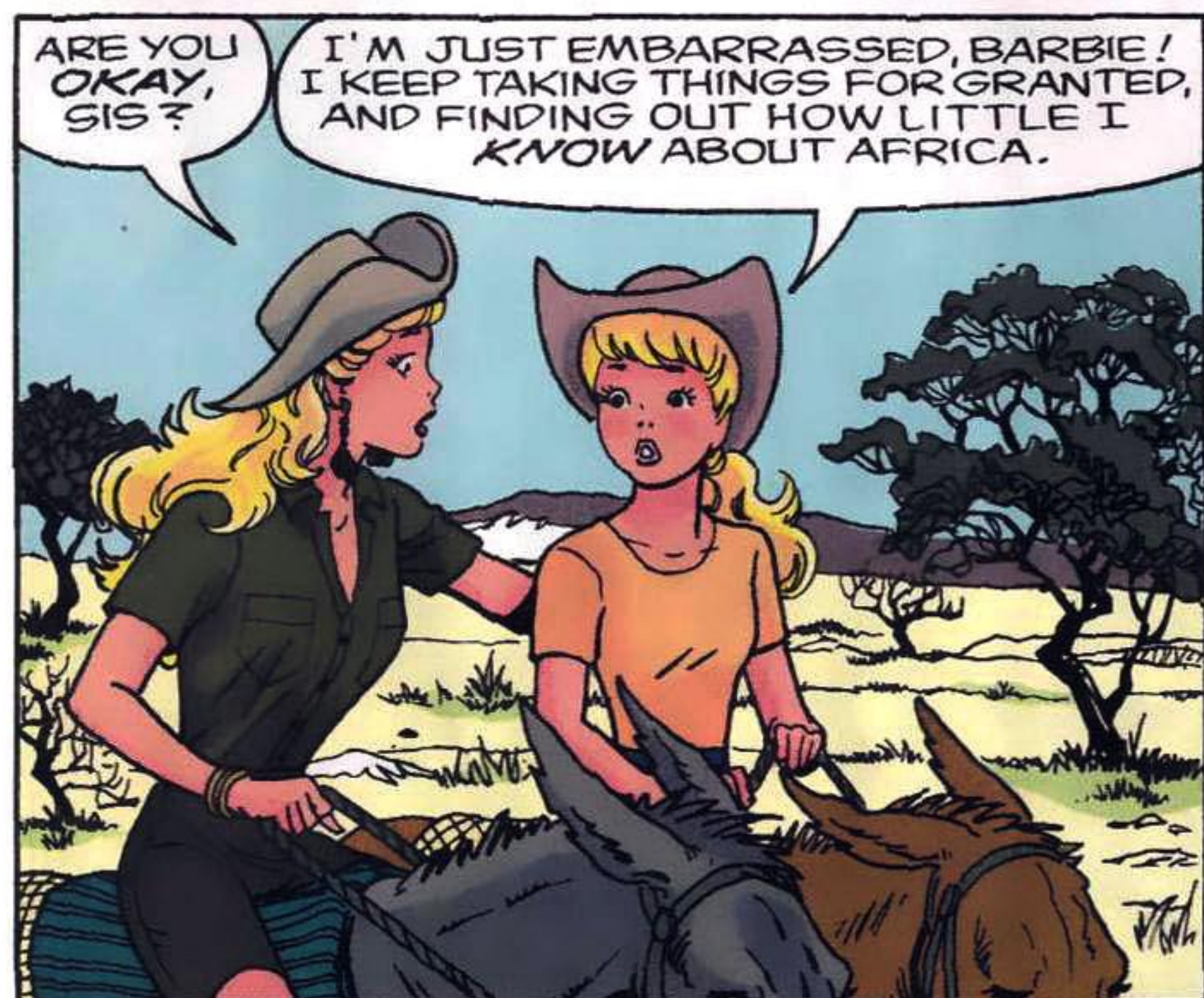
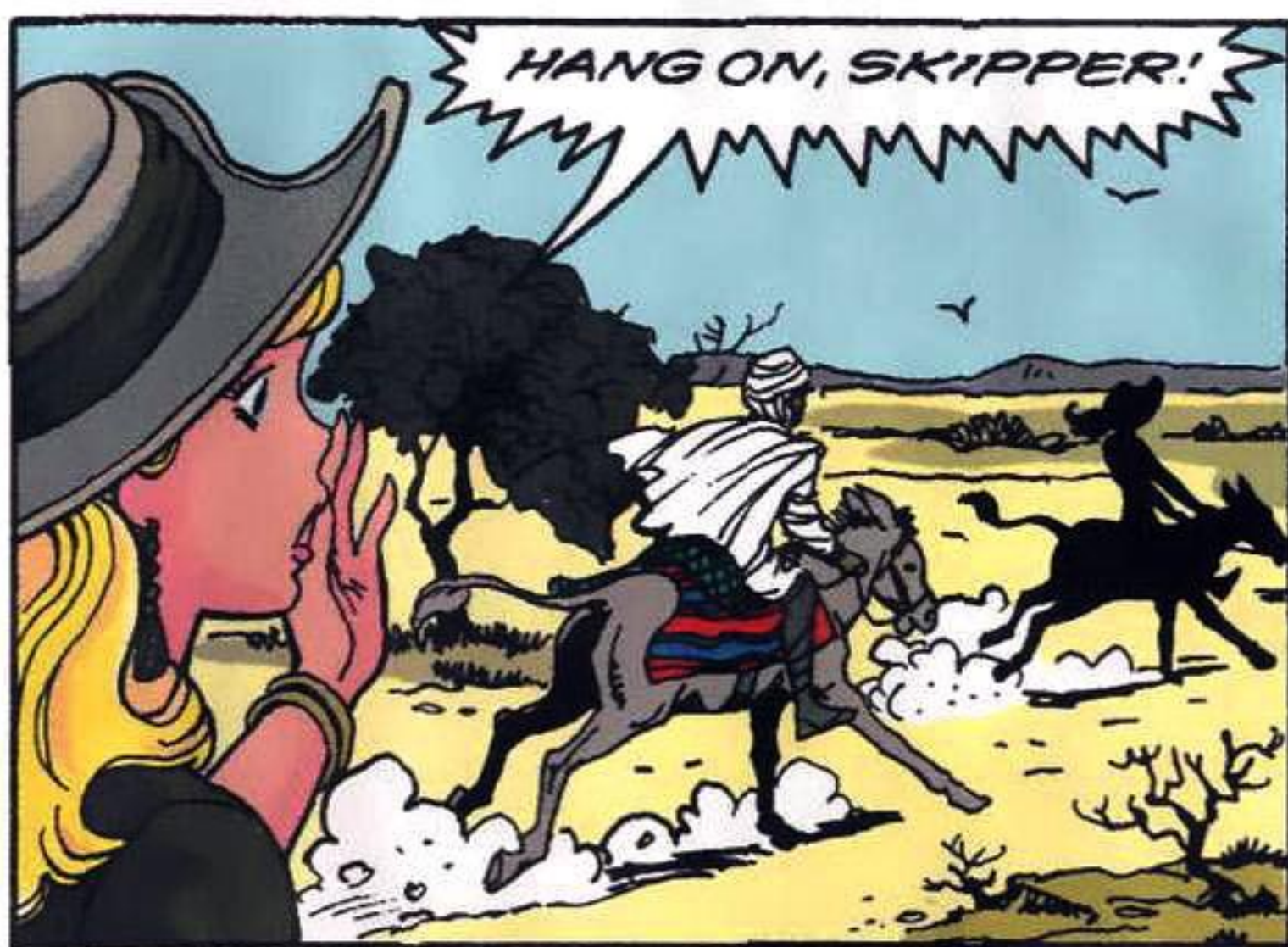
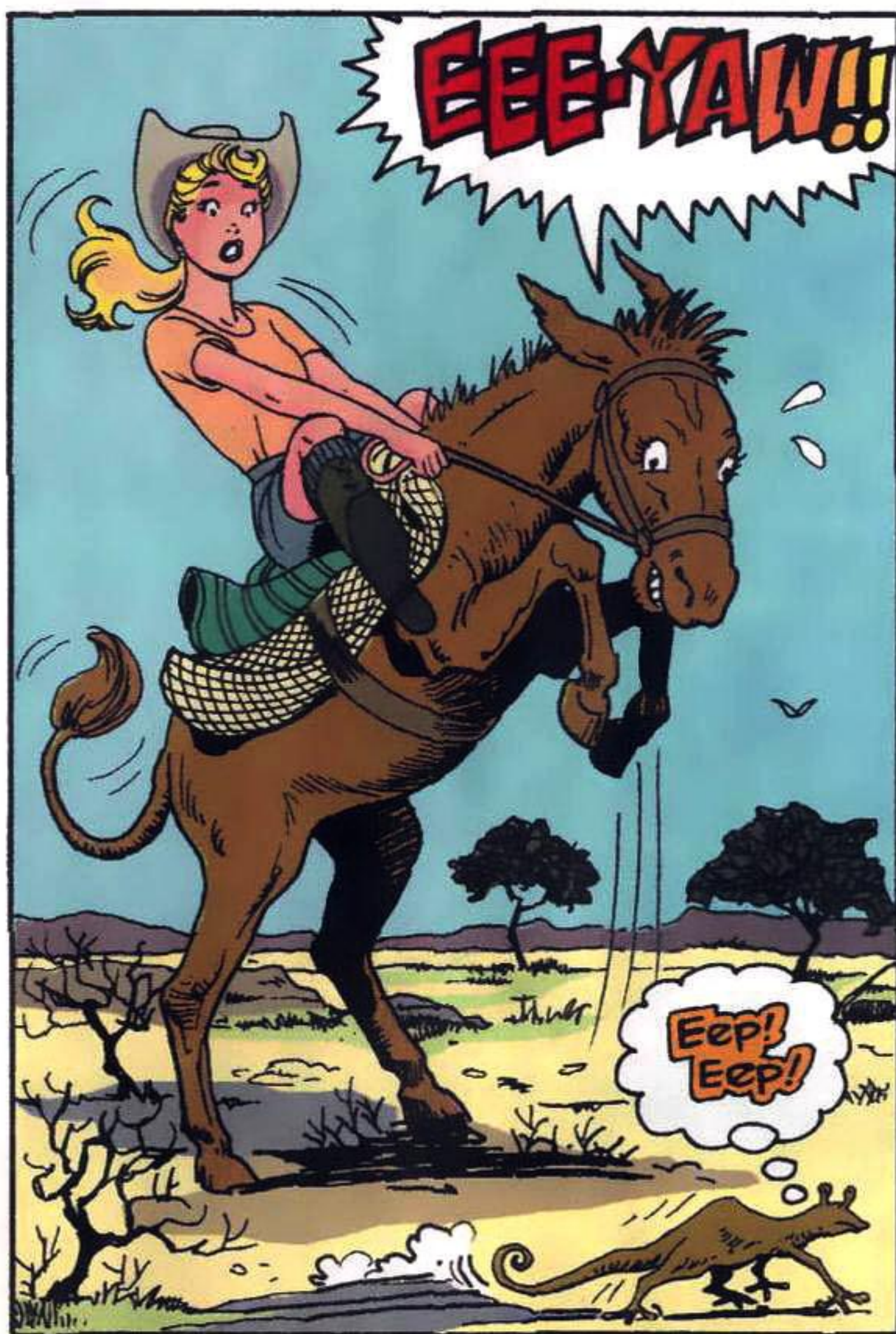


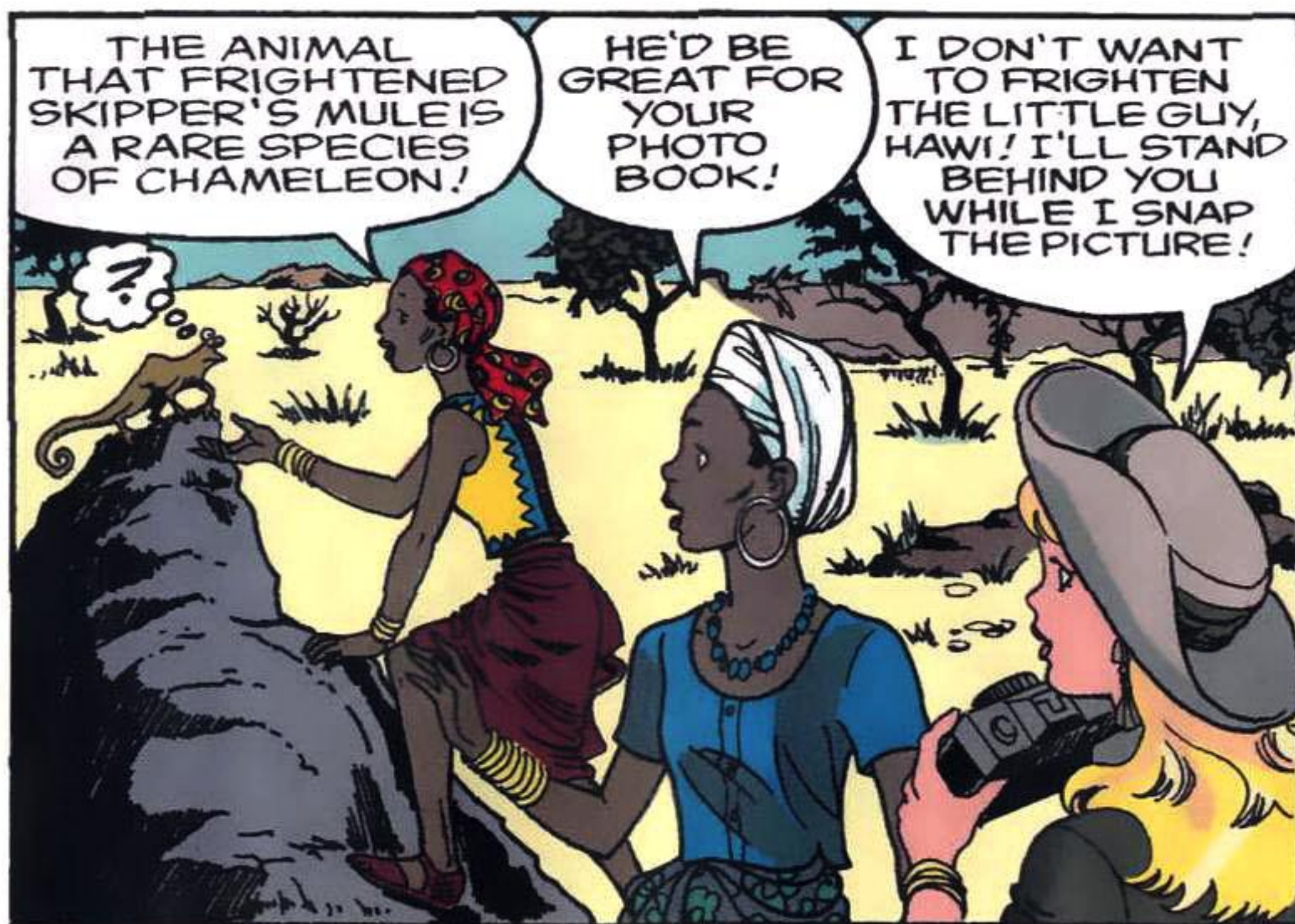
SOON...

WE'RE LUCKY THIS TRADER*, **ABDOLILAYE** IS TAKING HIS MULES TO THE SAME VILLAGE WHERE THE **WODAAABE** WERE KNOWN TO BE HEADING!

IF WE EVER GET TO THE VILLAGE, **BARBIE**! THESE **MULES** ARE SLOWER THAN THAT **TINY LIZARD** OVER THERE.

*ONE WHO BUYS AND SELLS.--
Hildy





THE FOLLOWING DAY...

THE WOMAN IS POUNDING MILLET*, SKIPPER! IN MOST FARMING VILLAGES, MILLET IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FOOD PRODUCT.



*GRAIN USED TO MAKE BREAD AND CEREAL. -- Wildy

WHEW! MAKING BUTTER IS HARD WORK! HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO SHAKE THIS GOURD?



KEEP GOING, SKIPPER! THE NEAREST SUPER-MARKET IS HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY!

WHY DO MOTHERS CARRY THEIR BABIES AROUND IN A PAGNE, BINTA?

SO THEIR HANDS ARE FREE TO DO ALL THEIR OTHER WORK, SKIPPER!



BINTA! SKIPPER!



WE HAVE GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS.



THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE THINK THE WODAABE ARE IN THE NEXT VILLAGE AND WE FOUND SOMEONE TO TAKE US THERE!



THAT'S GREAT, BARBIE!

WHAT'S THE BAD NEWS?



SOON...

I THOUGHT RIDING A MULE WAS ROUGH! COMPARED TO THIS OX, THE MULE WAS A MAGIC CARPET!



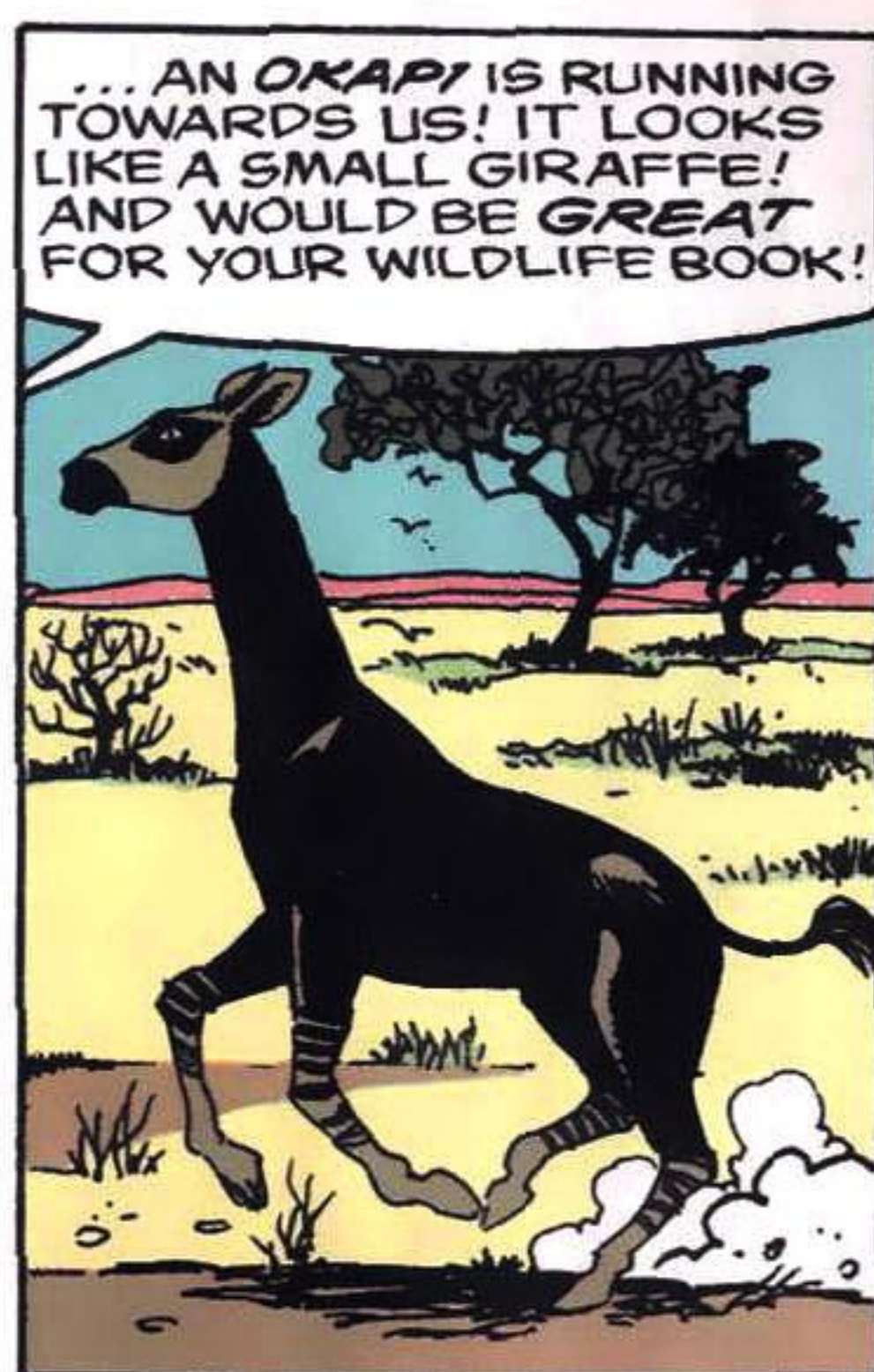
IT COULD BE WORSE, SKIPPER...



... AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT RIDING IN THE OX CART!

SORRY! HEHEHE!

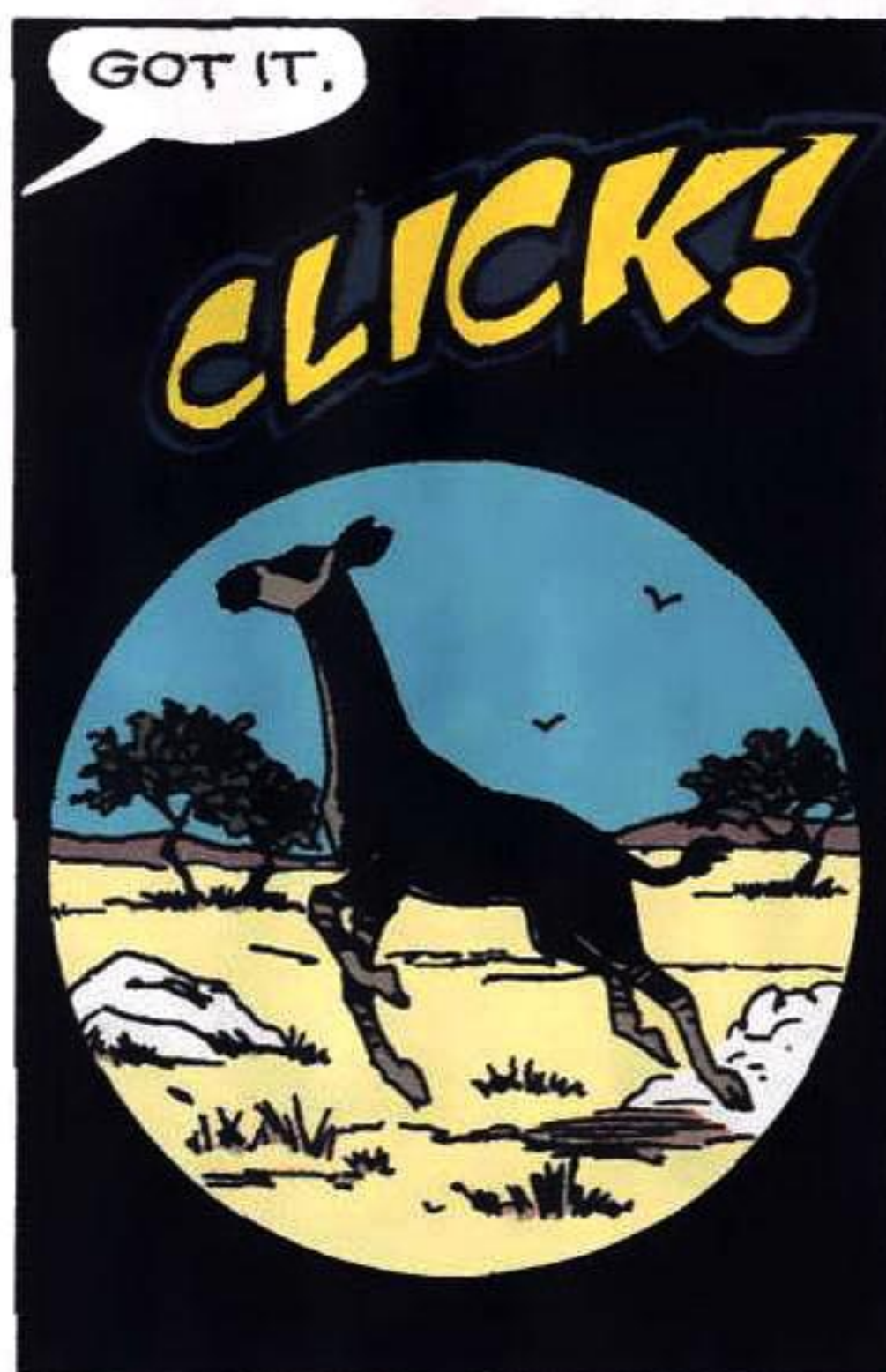
BARBIE, LOOK...



... AN OKAPI IS RUNNING TOWARDS US! IT LOOKS LIKE A SMALL GIRAFFE! AND WOULD BE GREAT FOR YOUR WILDLIFE BOOK!



THANKS, BINTA! I'LL USE A SPECIAL LENS TO CAPTURE IT IN MOTION!



GOT IT.

CLICK!



HEY! THERE SEEM TO BE A LOT OF BIRDS HEADING IN OUR DIRECTION, TOO!



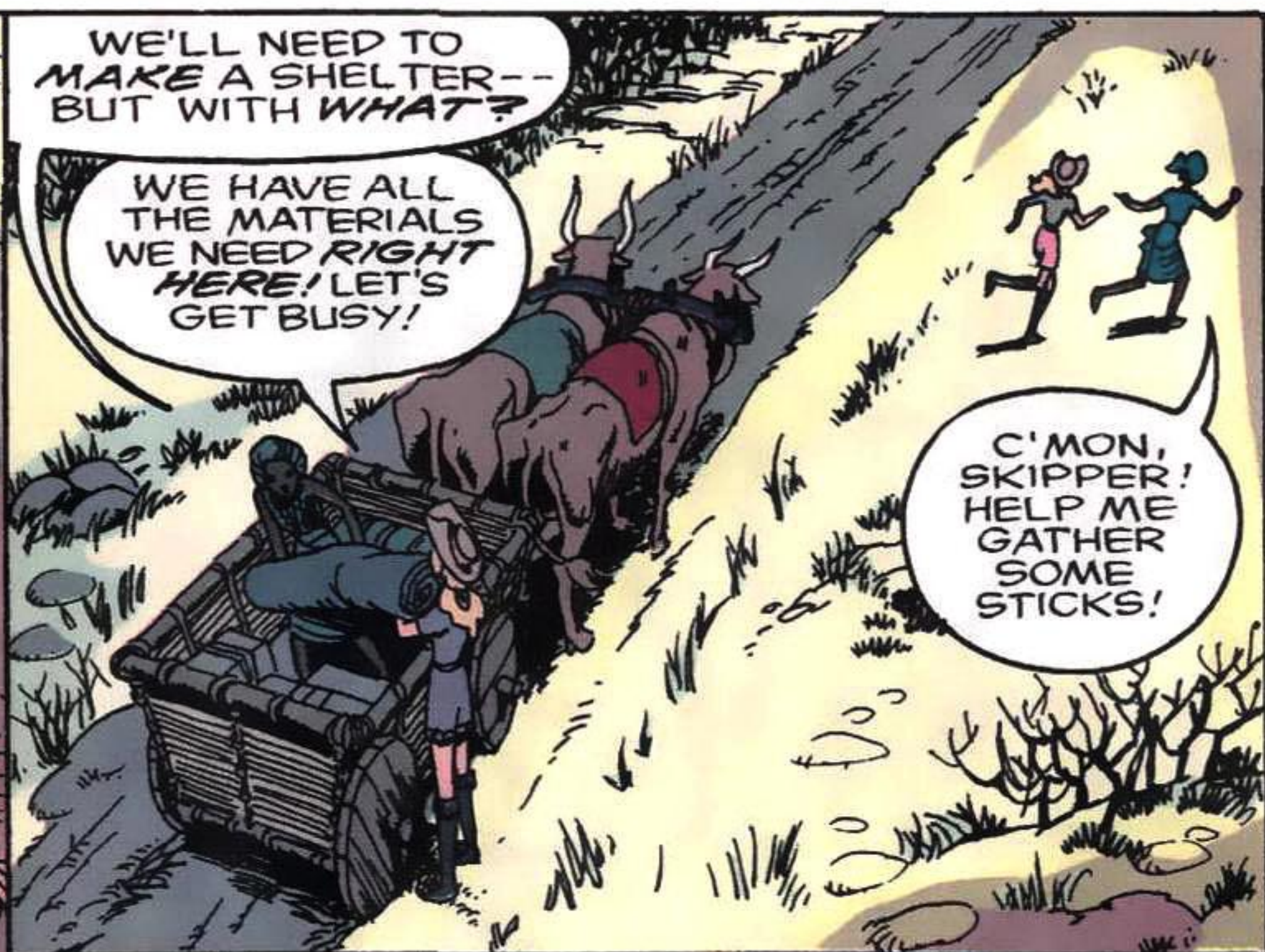
AND THERE'S THE REASON! A SAND STORM IS HEADING OUR WAY!

A SAND STORM?!



WE'VE GOT TO FIND SHELTER FAST!

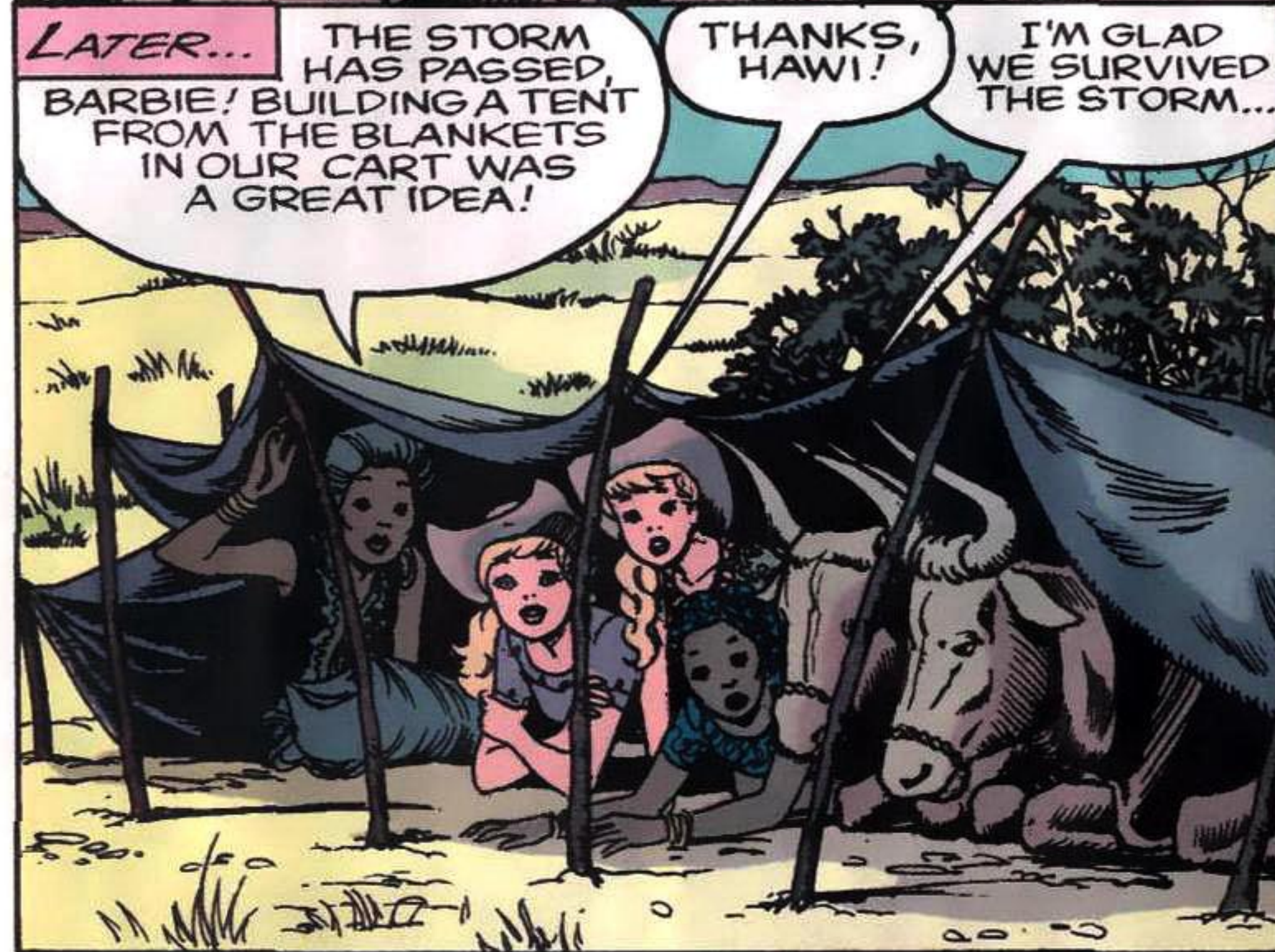
BUT THE NEAREST SHELTER IS MILES AWAY!



WE'LL NEED TO MAKE A SHELTER-- BUT WITH WHAT?

WE HAVE ALL THE MATERIALS WE NEED RIGHT HERE! LET'S GET BUSY!

C'MON, SKIPPER! HELP ME GATHER SOME STICKS!



LATER...

THE STORM HAS PASSED, BARBIE! BUILDING A TENT FROM THE BLANKETS IN OUR CART WAS A GREAT IDEA!

THANKS, HAWI!

I'M GLAD WE SURVIVED THE STORM...



...BUT IT REALLY SLOWED US DOWN! I'LL NEVER CATCH UP WITH MY FAMILY NOW!

POOR BINTA!



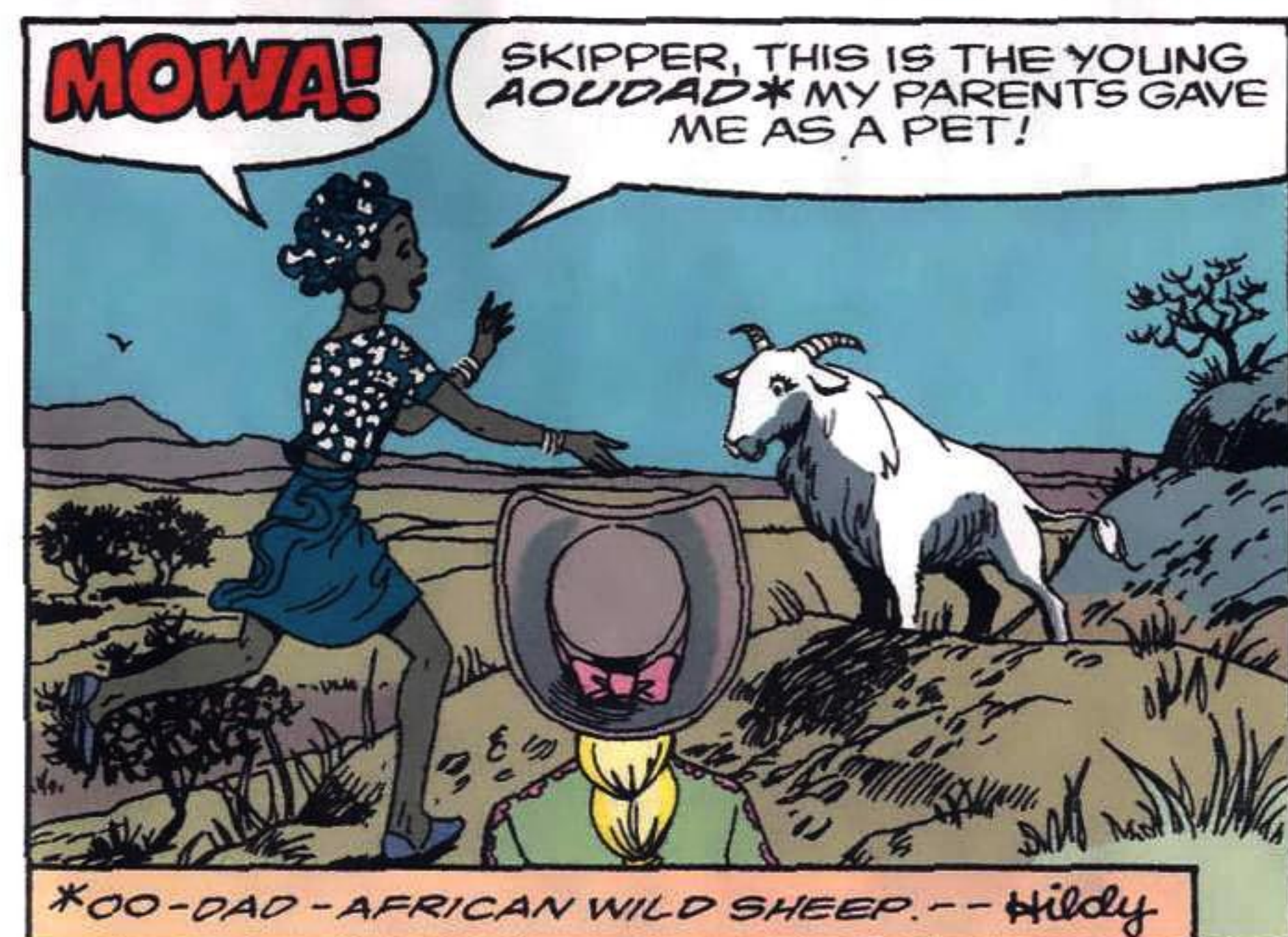
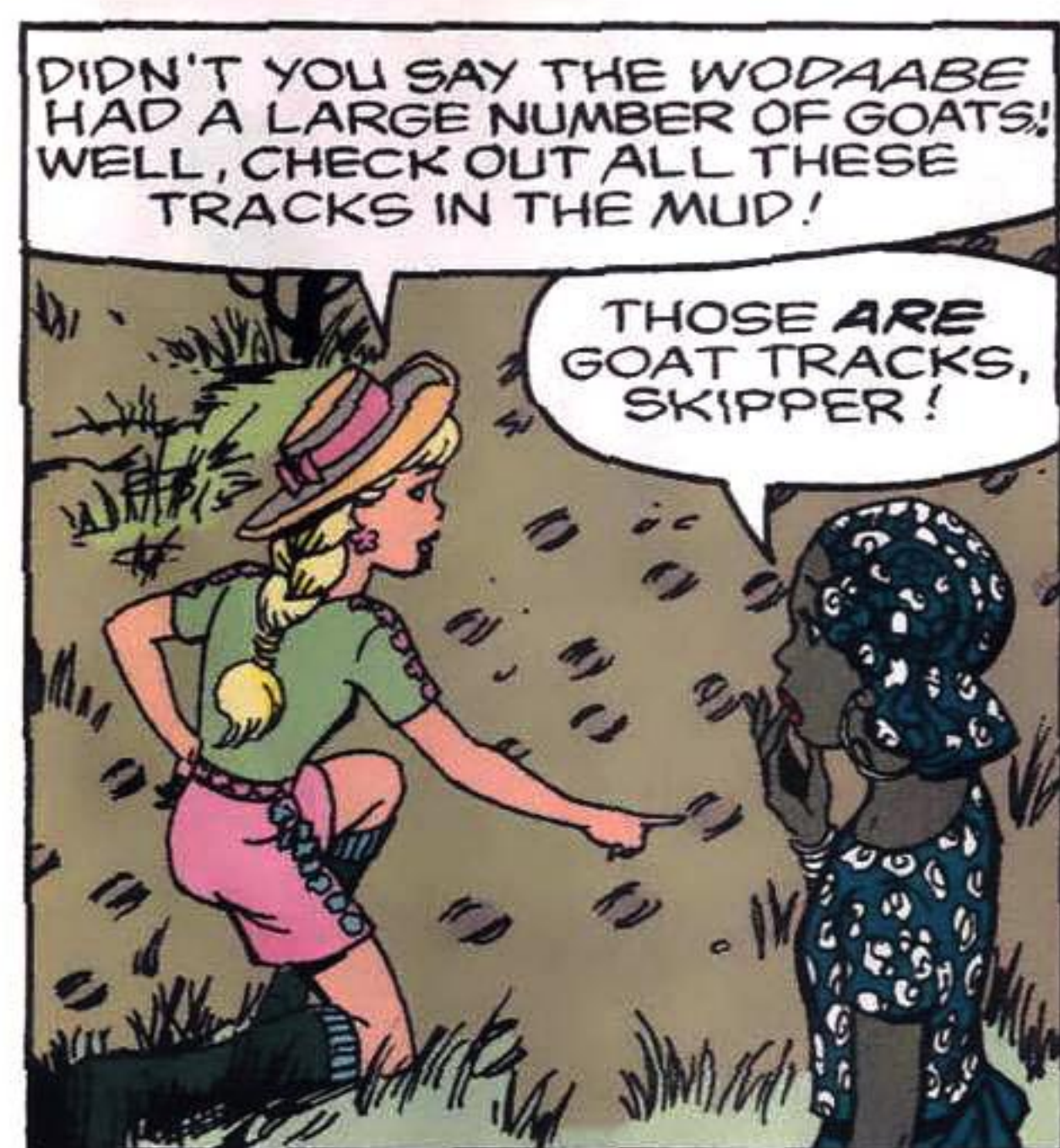
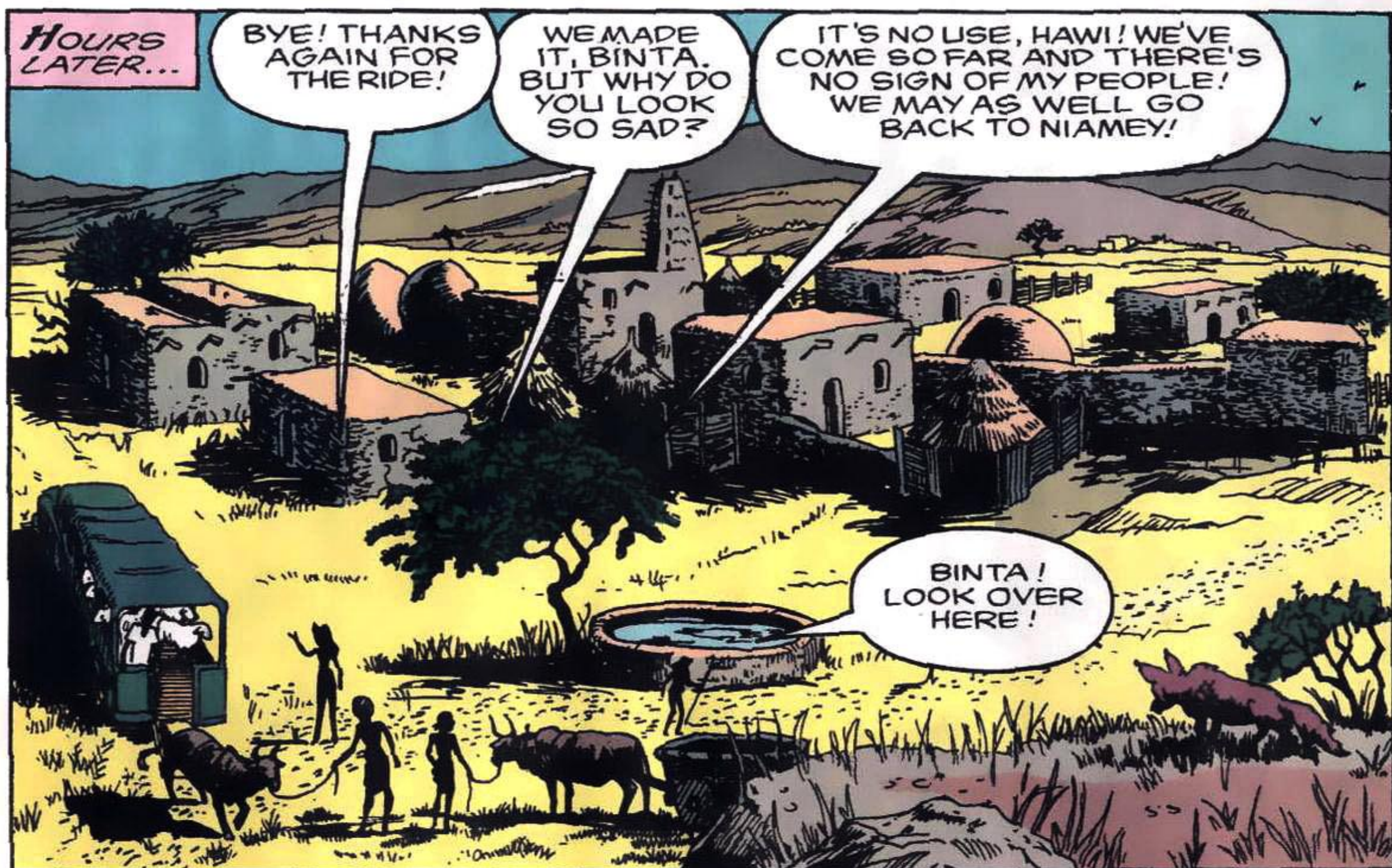
WAIT! THERE'S A TRUCK! I'LL ASK THEM TO GIVE US A RIDE TO THE VILLAGE... I JUST HOPE NO ONE HERE IS ALLERGIC TO WOOL!

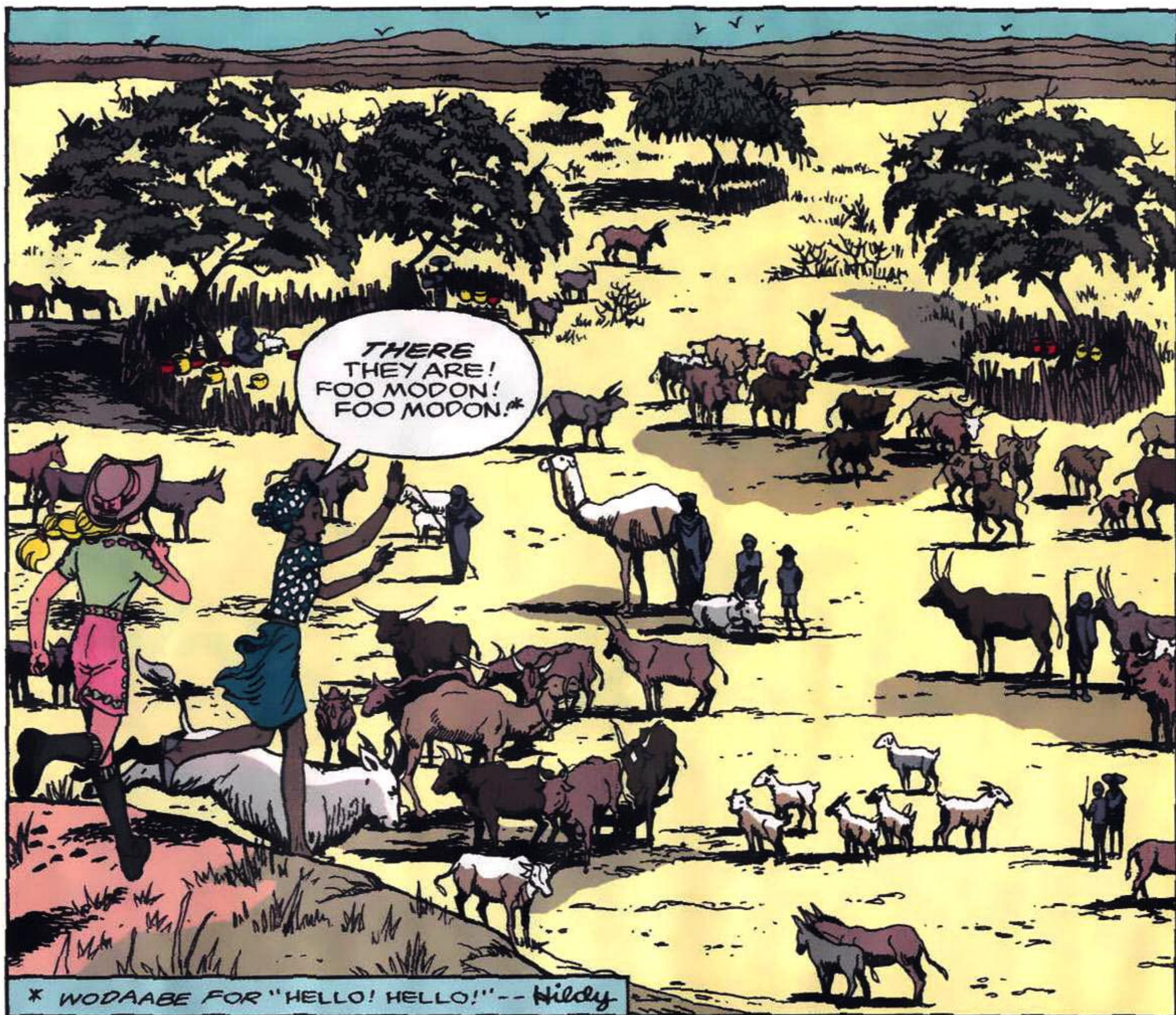
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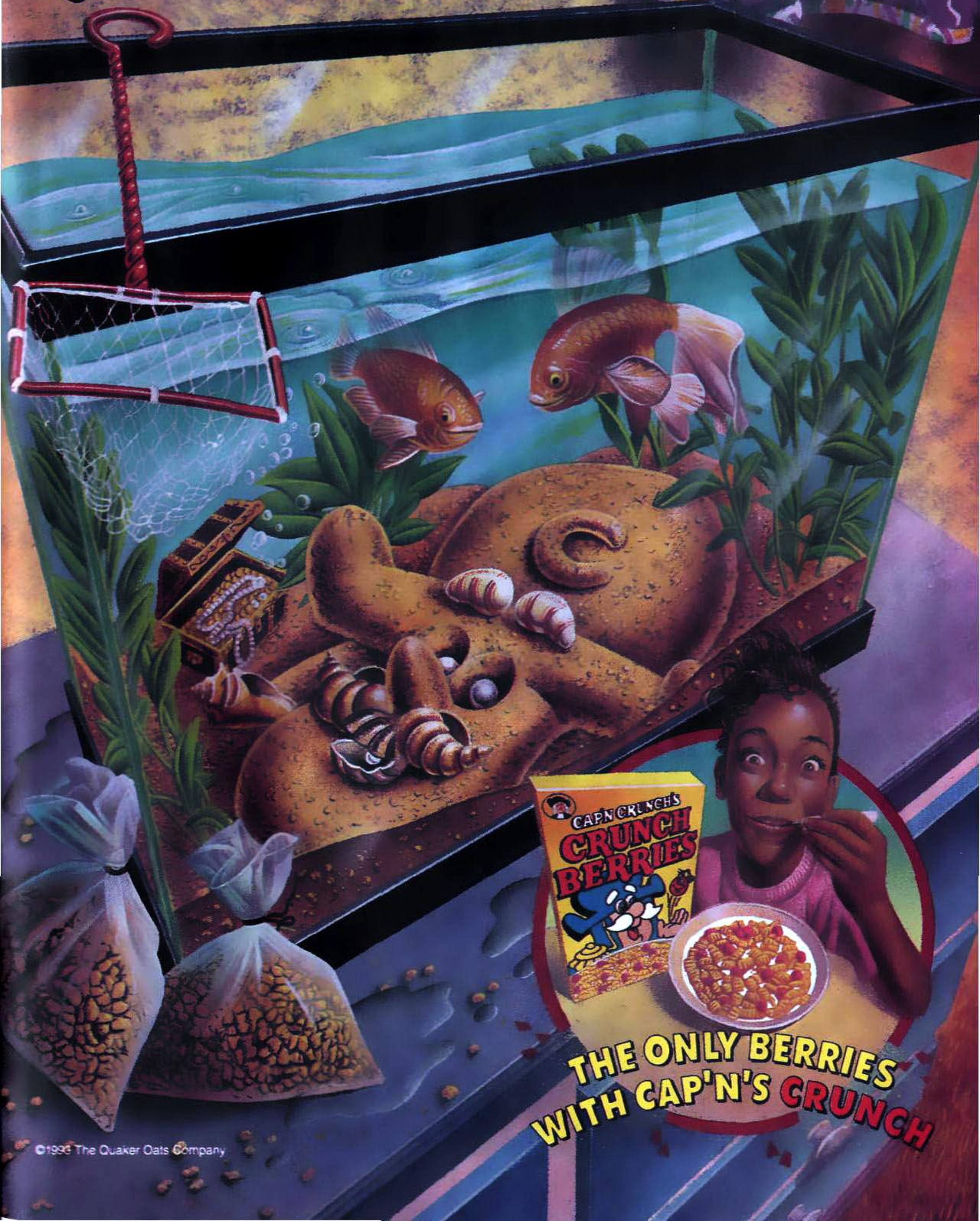
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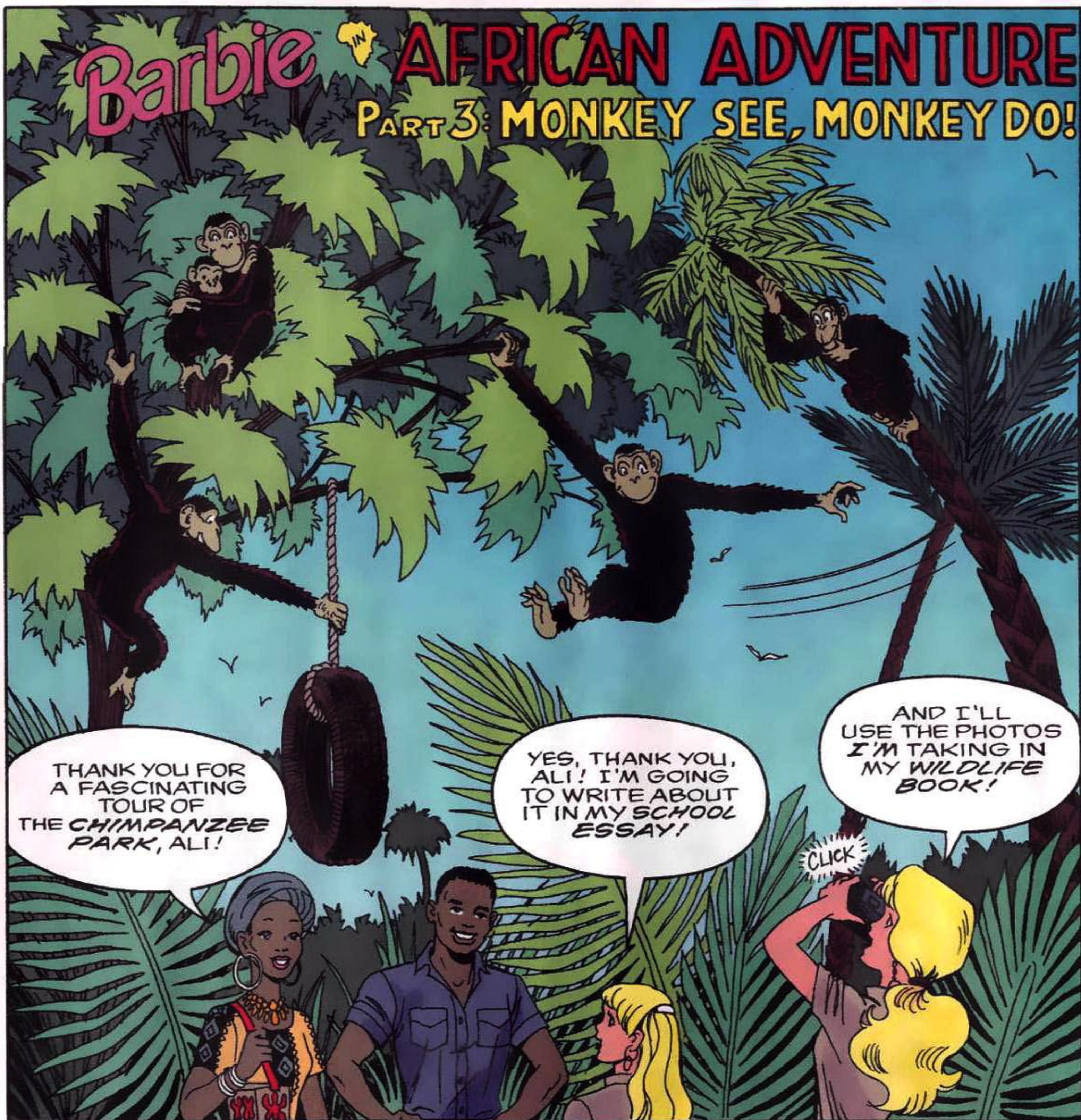


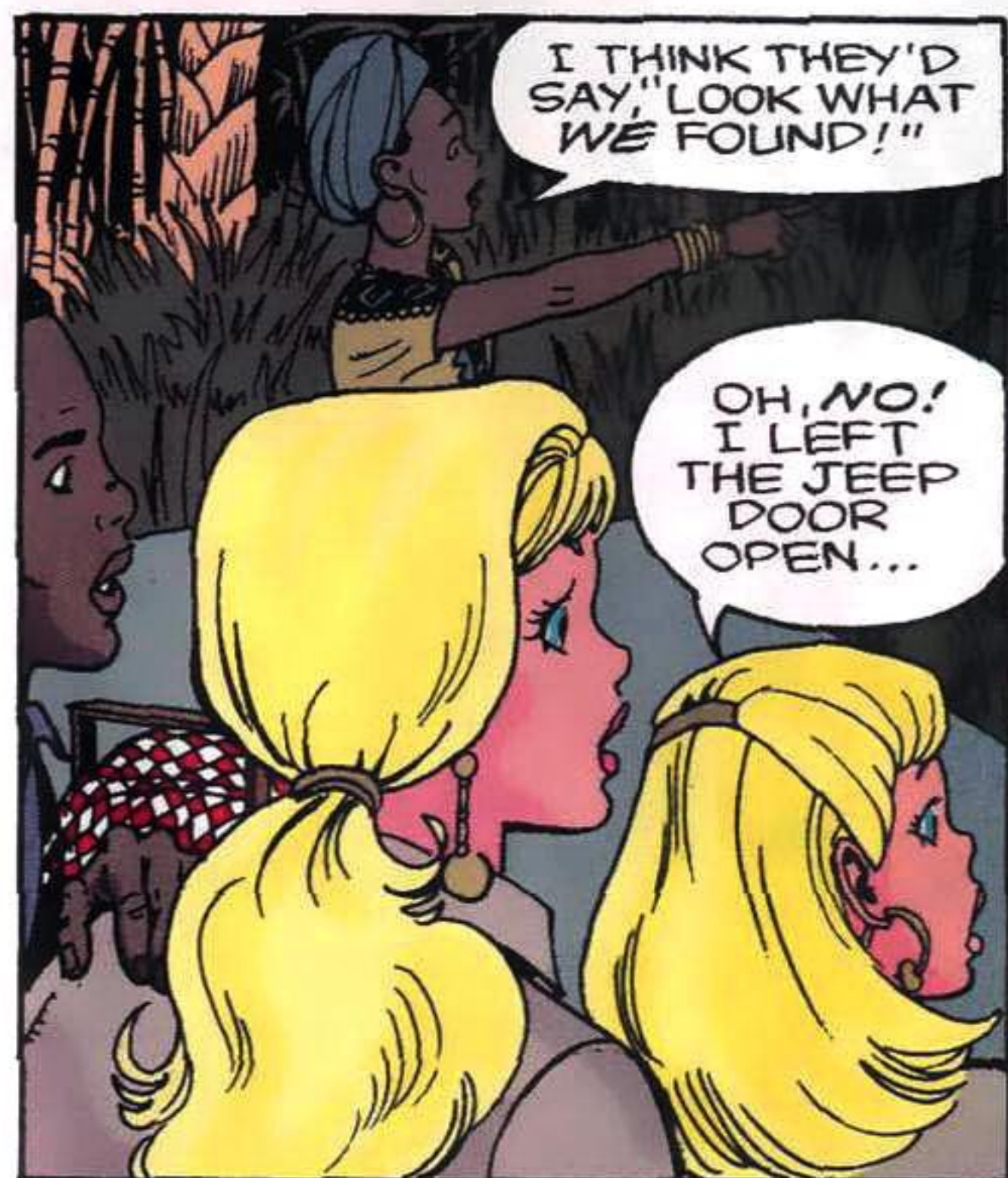


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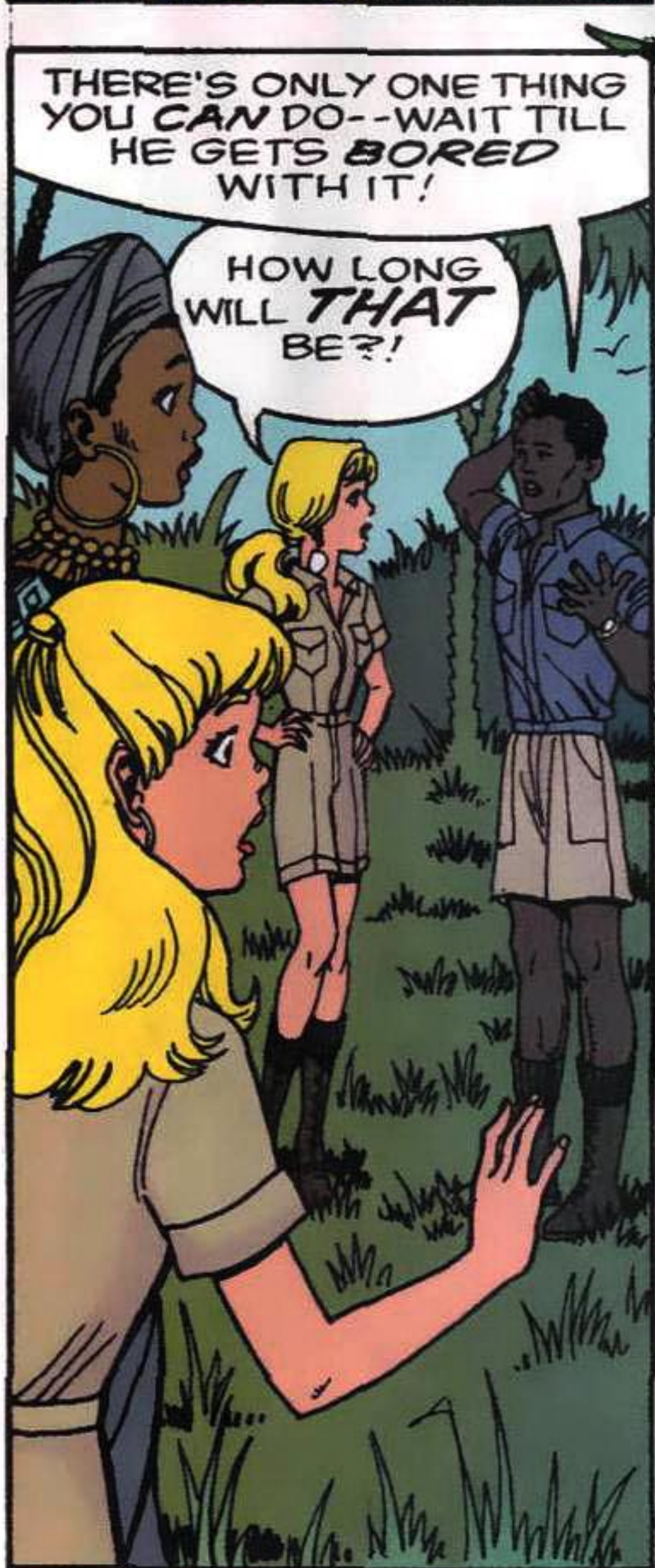
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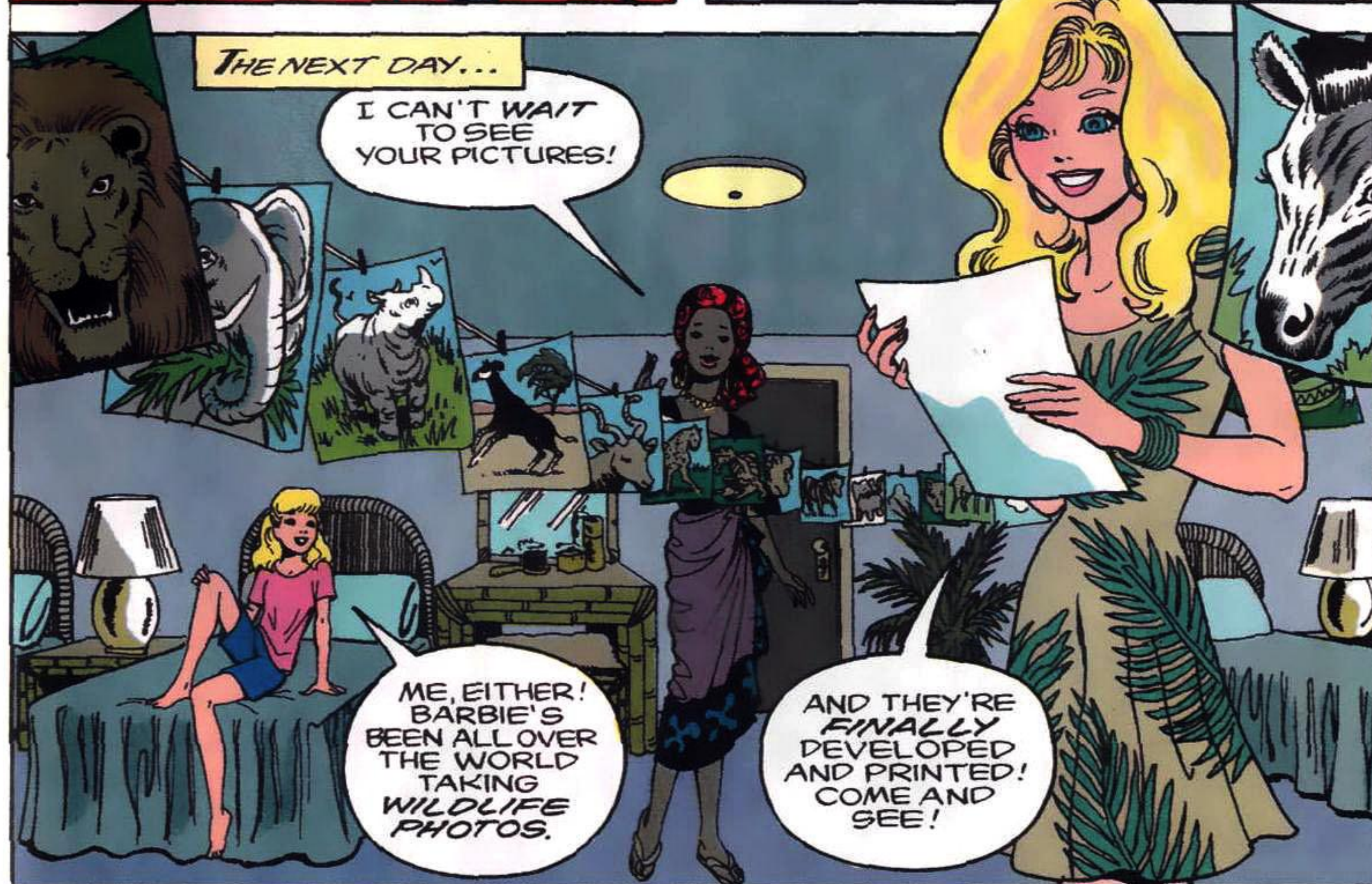
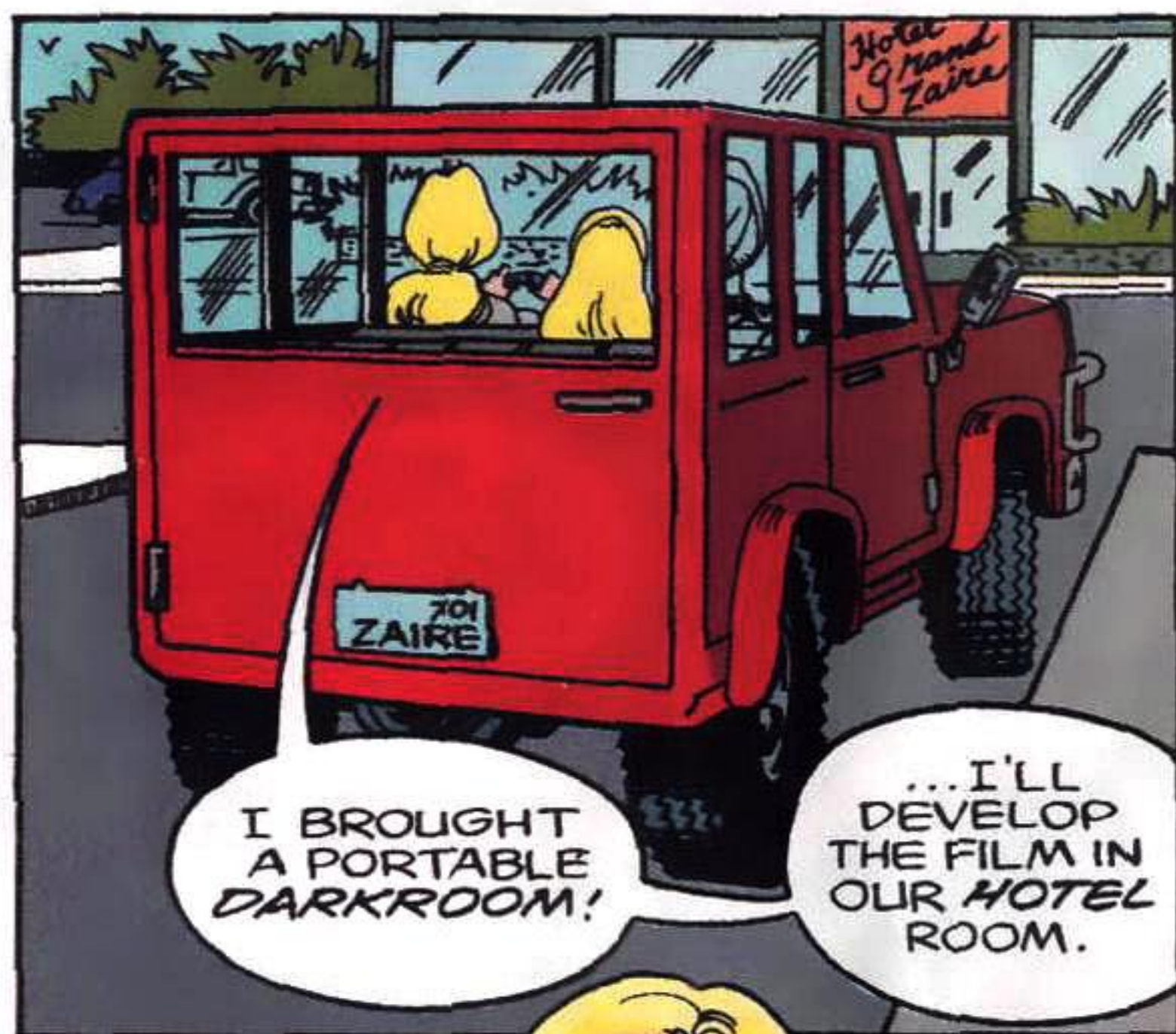
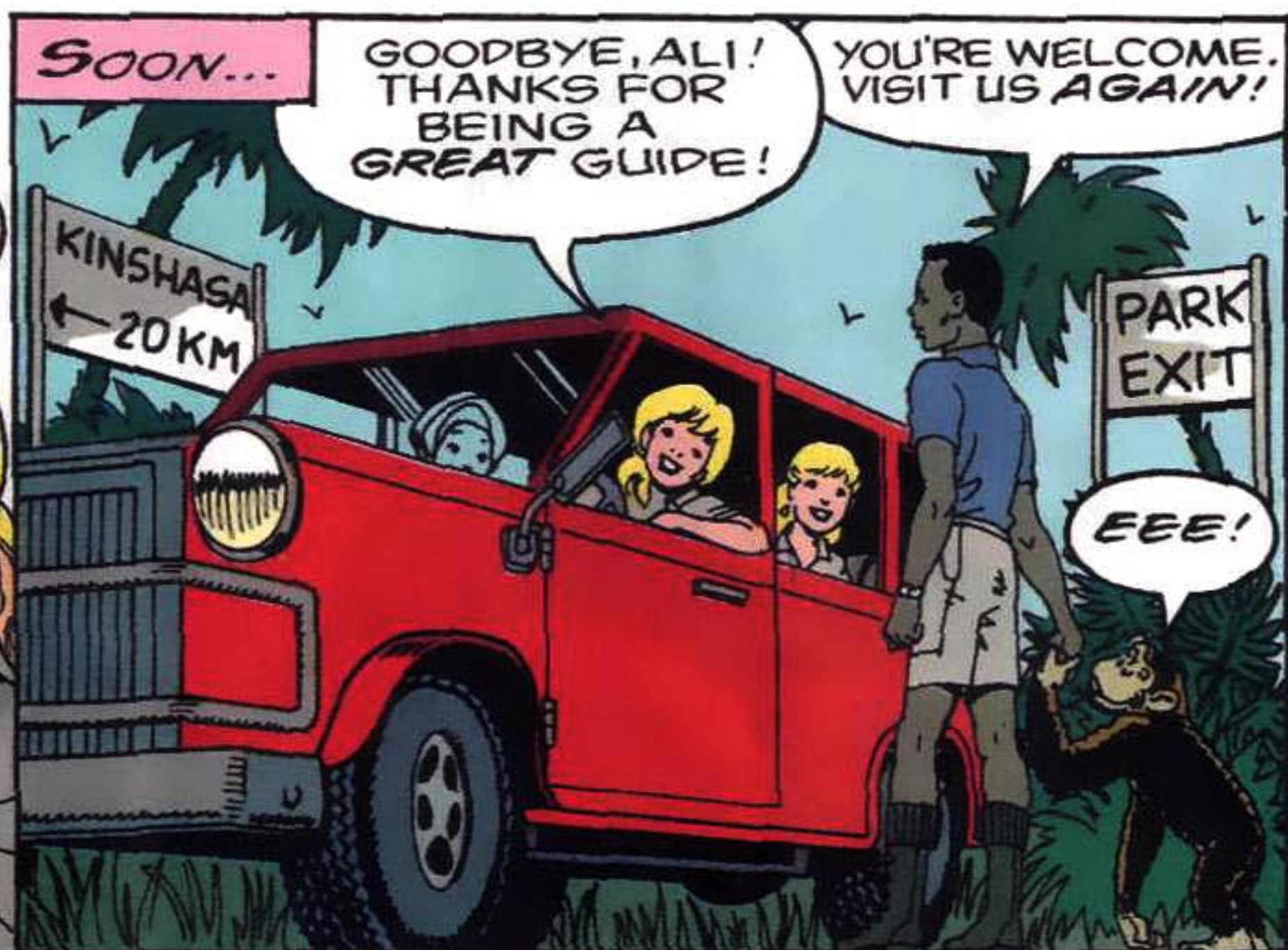
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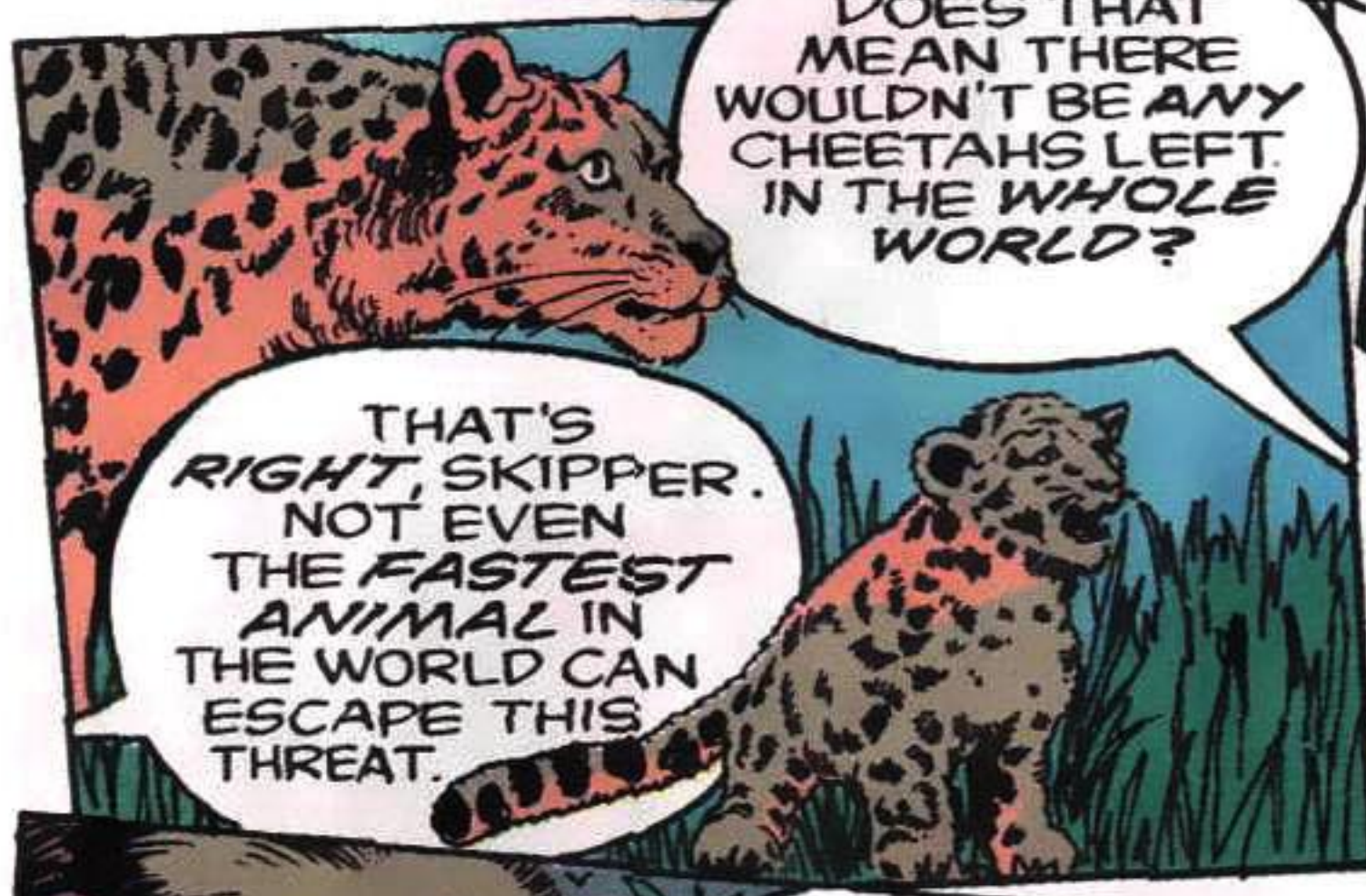


THIS IS A CHEETAH.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, BARBIE?

THIS BEAUTIFUL CREATURE IS ENDANGERED.

"ENDANGERED" MEANS THERE AREN'T MANY CHEETAHS LEFT, AND THEY COULD BECOME EXTINCT.



DOES THAT MEAN THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY CHEETAHS LEFT IN THE WHOLE WORLD?

THAT'S RIGHT, SKIPPER. NOT EVEN THE FASTEST ANIMAL IN THE WORLD CAN ESCAPE THIS THREAT.

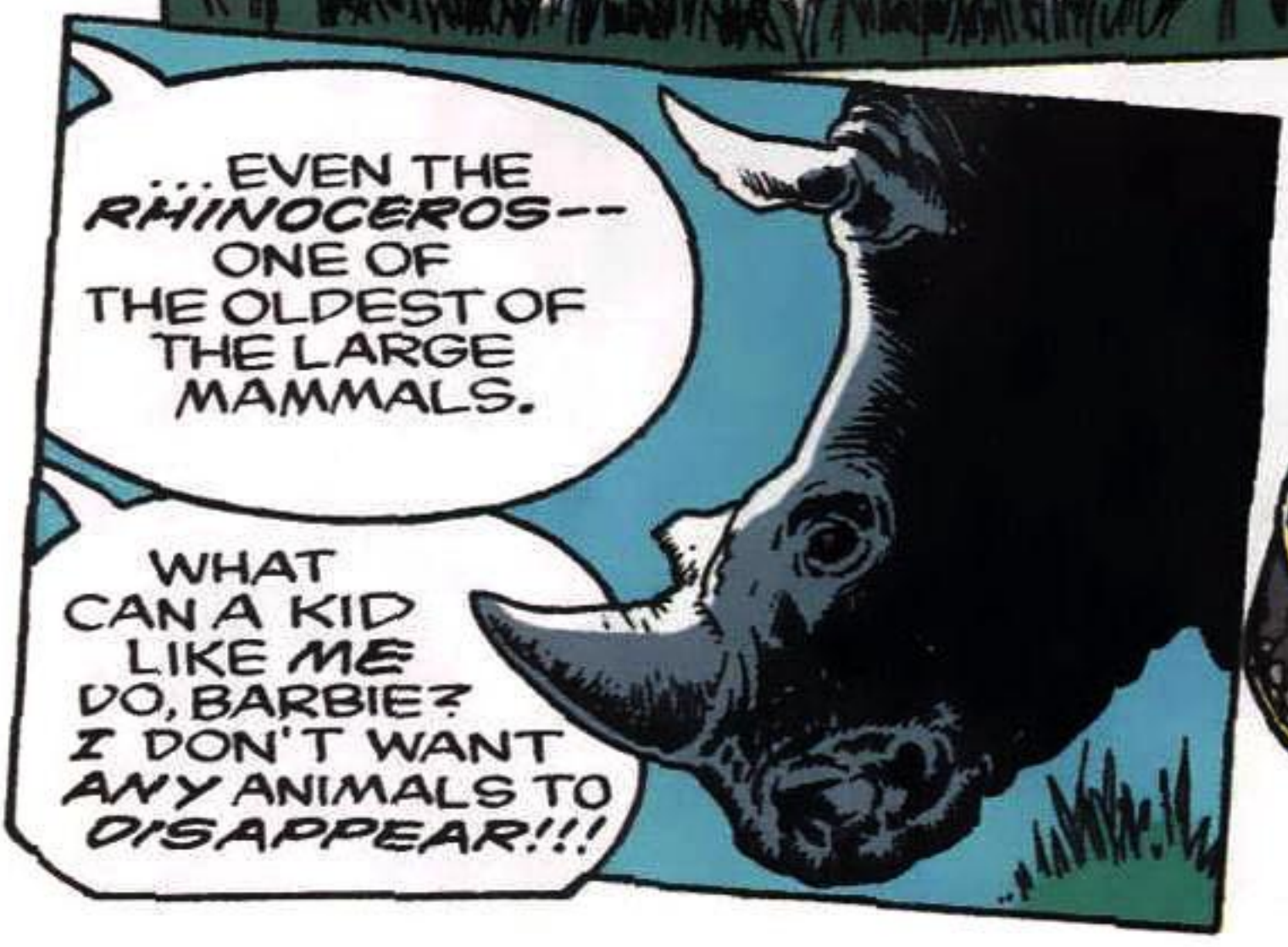


SADLY, THERE ARE TOO MANY ENDANGERED ANIMALS.

...THE LOWLAND GORILLA...



...GREVY'S ZEBRA...



...EVEN THE RHINOCEROS-- ONE OF THE OLDEST OF THE LARGE MAMMALS.

WHAT CAN A KID LIKE ME DO, BARBIE? I DON'T WANT ANY ANIMALS TO DISAPPEAR!!!





EVERYONE HAS TO HELP
MAKE THE WORLD
A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE
IN--FOR
ANIMALS
AND
PEOPLE!

YOU MEAN
BY THINGS
LIKE NOT
LITTERING,
AND BY
RECYCLING?



SOME ZOOS AND
AQUARIUMS ARE STUDYING
ANIMALS TO TRY AND
SAVE THEM.

THEN THOSE
ARE THE ZOOS
AND AQUARIUMS
WE SHOULD
VISIT!*

* LOOK FOR ONES ACCREDITED BY
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UHHH...
EXCUSE ME,
BARBIE. BUT
WHERE DID
THESE
PHOTOS COME
FROM?



THE CHIMP WHO
TOOK MY CAMERA
MUST HAVE TAKEN
THESE FUNNY
PHOTOS.

I WISH I COULD
PUT THEM IN
MY BOOK--BUT
THERE'S NO
ROOM!



BUT I THINK
I KNOW HOW I
CAN USE
THEM...

I WONDER
WHAT
BARBIE'S
PLANNING?



MONTHS LATER...

LOOK, HAWI,
A LETTER
FROM BARBIE AND
SKIPPER. SKIPPER
GOT AN A ON HER
PROJECT AND BARBIE'S
BOOK HAS BEEN
PUBLISHED.

NAMEY
GIRLS'
SCHOOL

GREAT!
WHAT DID
BARBIE DO
WITH THOSE
FUNNY
PHOTOS?!
HA HA
HA!

SHE MADE
A CALENDAR!

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HI, EVERYBODY.
I HOPE YOU LIKE
THIS FUNNY
CALENDAR.

JUST
TEAR OUT
THE PAGE
AND HANG
IT UP.

THE END

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We wish we had room to print all of your wonderful letters, cards, and fashions! Unfortunately, space does not permit, so Barbie sent postcards to acknowledge and thank each one of you! We hope that you enjoyed hearing from Barbie and that you will continue to write to us!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Megan. I am 10 years old. Although I have outgrown Barbie dolls, I have a lot of Barbie dolls. My mom even made my dolls some clothes. I am never going to give away any of my Barbie dolls. I love them, and my mom says they will be valuable someday.

I love your comic book. I like reading about Barbie and Skipper.

Megan Smith, age 10
Canehill, AR

We hear from many readers who are also Barbie collectors, Megan! Although people collect Barbie dolls for all kinds of reasons, including their often increasing value, we think you're collecting for the very best reason — you love Barbies!

Dear BARBIE,

I love your BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comic books. I like everything about Barbie, because Barbie is the best! You have the best comic books and dolls I have ever seen. I think that I will buy some more of the comic books and dolls because they are so beautiful. My goal is to save up all of my money to buy more Barbie things.

Tammy Poulos
Tracy, CA

Our writers and artists work hard every month to make sure our comics are beautiful, Tammy! We know they'll be glad to hear how much you enjoy them! Good luck with your goal!

Dear BARBIE,

Hi! My name is DeShaie Jordan. I like BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comics a lot. I love to lay in bed and read them. My brother Matt likes to look at the pictures. Me and Matt liked the story "Halloween Hooligan". It was very funny and it was a good mystery story.

DeShaie Jordan, age 10
Matt Jordan, age 7
Fountain Run, KY

Nice to hear from you both, DeShaie and Matt!

Dear BARBIE,

Hi! My name is Molly, and I am 8 years old. I live in Omaha, Nebraska, and I love Barbie a lot. Skipper is my other favorite doll.

I think BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comics are great because they encourage young kids to really get into reading. I started reading when I was in kindergarten. I was so happy when I learned to read, and I could read BARBIE!

Keep up the good work!

Molly Wenberg, age 8
Omaha, NE

We couldn't agree with you more, Molly! We're especially happy when we hear about older kids reading BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION to their younger brothers and sisters (like DeShaie and Matt in the letter above). It's a great way for Barbie fans — and comics fans — to get into reading!

Dear BARBIE,

You are so pretty! I want to be just like you. And that dreamy boyfriend of yours, Ken. How is Skipper? Fine, I hope.

Oh, I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Ashley Wilhelm and I am 9 years old. Where do you get those fantastic, cool clothes? What store do you shop at?

I love to read about you and your adventures with your friends. That's all, Barbie! I hope you like my letter!

Ashley Wilhelm, age 9
Goldboro, NC

We loved your letter, Ashley! Barbie shops for those fantastic fashions at the studios of our awesome artists each month! Our pencilers take their inspiration from many places including current Barbie fashions, real life, and their own imaginations. They do a great job of dressing everyone's favorite doll!

Dear BARBIE,

Thank you very much for printing the issue "Holiday in Thailand". I do not collect the comics, but I read them after my next-door neighbor is done with them.

You wrote the words beautifully and the pictures were out of sight! I happen to be Thai, too. That is why I am showing my appreciation to you and the comic. You did a really awesome job of telling the story. You should write more BARBIE comics with Barbie on

exotic trips.

Here's a little tip about Thai dancers. They curl their fingers backward. Ouch!

It is also great to know that Barbie cares for others. The fashions for Barbie are also really cool and stylish. Good luck and success with your cool comics.

Tara Ouiraron, age 10
Trabuco Canyon, CA

Thanks so much for writing to us, Tara! We're glad to hear we got many of the details about Thailand right, and thanks for letting us know about the dancers and their special finger trick!

We hope you enjoyed Barbie and Skipper's exotic trip to Africa in this issue! And don't miss BARBIE #45 this July when Skipper takes a trip to Ancient Rome (even though it's imaginary!) Keep reading because Barbie and her friends will be visiting many more exotic places in issues to come!



BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

It's time to wish a very happy birthday to our readers celebrating birthdays in June! There will also be a "Birthday Corner" in BARBIE FASHION this month, so be sure to check both for your special day!

On June 4th, best wishes go to **Erin Brothers**, of Williams, AZ, who will be 8 years old! **Mary Ann Hyde**, of San Marcos, CA, will be 11 years old on June 10th! And on June 12th, **Roslin Stevenson**, of Health Springs, SC, will celebrate her 9th birthday.

Angie Bagley will be the birthday girl on June 17th! On June 29th, two readers will celebrate their special days! **Tracy Burns**, of Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, will be 11 years old, and **Josie Pellot**, of Apopka, FL, will be 10! Also celebrating a birthday this month is **Erika Connelly**, who will be 8 years old.

Happy birthday to these and all the BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers celebrating this month! If you'd like your birthday to appear here, send your name, full address, age and birthday to the address above! Be sure to send it in six months ahead of time!

Special thanks to Dr. Donna Tesi!



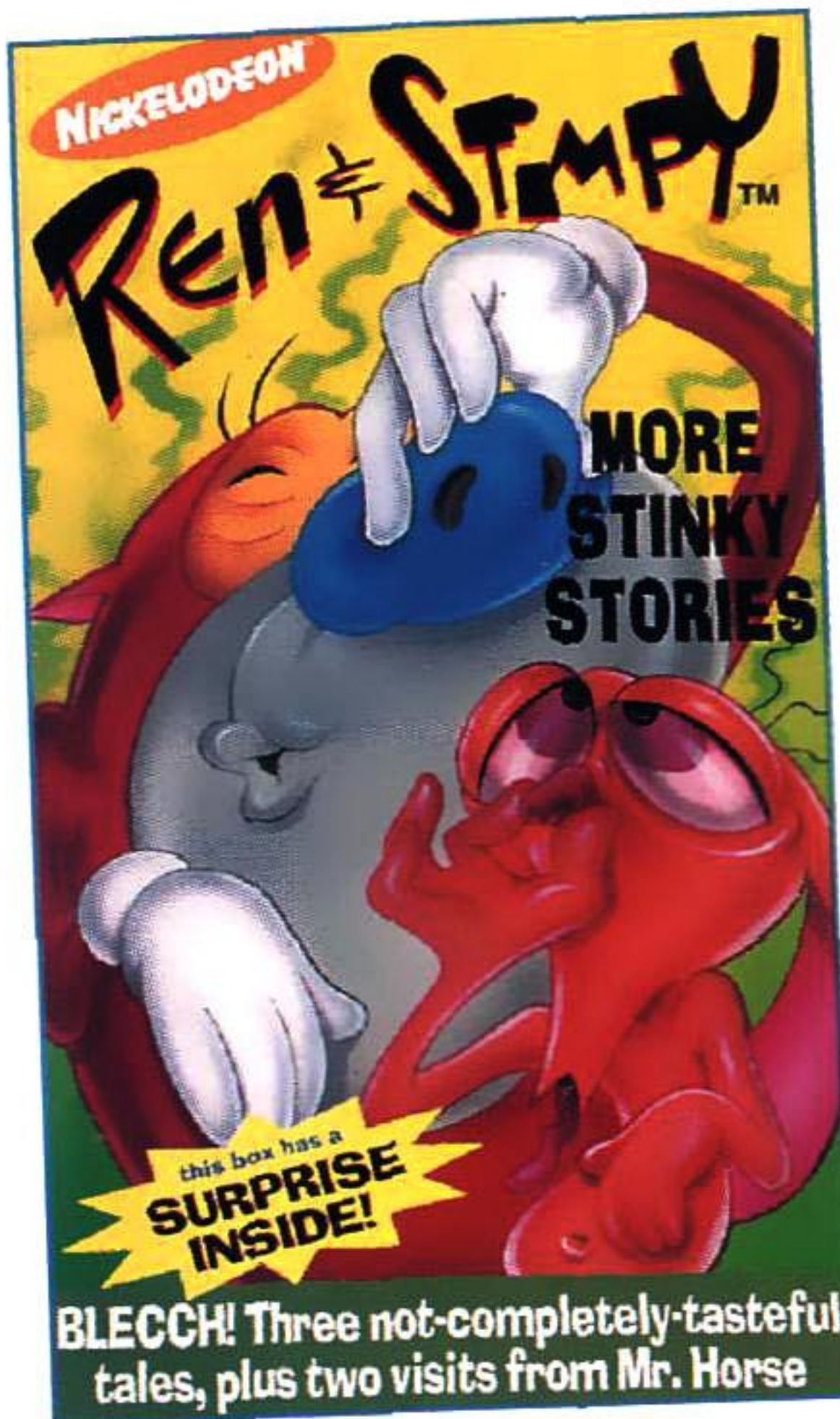
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